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Convalescent Annex Now Established At Crissy Field

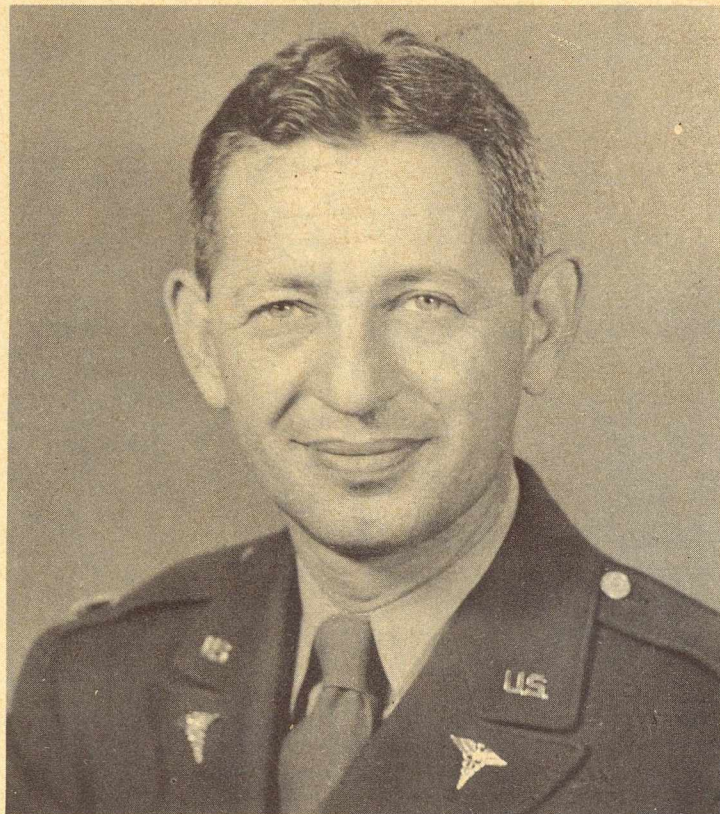
A convalescent annex was established at Letterman last week in accordance with a directive from the Office of The Surgeon General. The annex will function under the supervision of the Reconditioning Service.

Present capacity of the annex is 50 patients, which may, if necessary, be increased to 15 per cent of the total bed capacity of the hospital. It is housed in buildings 276, 277 and 278 at Crissy Field. No time limit has been set as to the period the convalescent patients will remain at the annex before discharge or return to duty, but it is estimated that the average patient will be there from four to eight weeks.

Insofar as possible the atmosphere at the annex will be that surrounding the regular duty soldier. A regular 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. schedule will be observed, and the men will be required to clean their own barracks, and make their own beds.

The daily schedule provides for two hours of physical reconditioning, which will include 20 minutes of formal calisthenics, remedial work for the orthopedic and surgical patients, and supervised activities, such as volley ball, tennis and swimming.

A daily two-hour period of educational reconditioning will provide the patients with opportunities to study subjects in which they are interested under tutors from the Board of Education, or they may attend a high school, trade school or junior college.



Lt. Col. JACK W. SCHWARTZ, MC

LT. COL. SCHWARTZ JOINS LGH STAFF

The latest of the "Old Regulars" assigned to duty on the Letterman staff is Lieut. Colonel Jack W. Schwartz and he is a welcome addition.

Col. Schwartz was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1928 and became a Regular the following year. He served a tour in the Philippines from 1932 to 1934 and went back again in February, 1940. He was there when the surrender took place and he went into

captivity with thousands of the American troops.

During the long years under the Nipponese Colonel Schwartz endeared himself to his fellow prisoners by his untiring service in their behalf. He had previously distinguished himself by his heroism in operating under fire during the last days on Bataan and his name is always mentioned with affection by the men who shared his fate.

Colonel Schwartz has been assigned to the Urological Service.

Leg Amputees to Get Free Automobiles From the Government

Approximately 800 California veterans who lost one or both legs in World War II will be entitled to receive free automobiles from the Government under an appropriation signed last week by President Truman, Veterans' Administration offices here have estimated.

Authorization for the cars of amputees, and veterans who have lost the use of their legs was included in the Supplemental Appropriation Act for 1947, passed the last week of Congress. The measure carries an appropriation of \$30,000,000 to pay for the automobiles at a maximum cost of \$1,600 per car.

Only men who lost legs, or the use of their legs, are eligible, VA reports in an initial analysis of the Act. Thus, arm amputees and veterans of other wars will not receive machines. California has an estimated 1,200 amputees, of which 400 will not be eligible. The United States as a whole has an estimated 23,000 amputees of all wars, of which about 15,000 would be entitled to cars.

In northern California, San Francisco had the greatest number of amputees affected, with 37 amputees and possibly a dozen others whose disabilities come under the law. Oakland has 20 leg amputees and Sacramento has 11. A considerable number of amputees who have not yet filed claims with VA and thus are not yet in the files, are expected to be disclosed through auto applications, it was pointed out.

Veterans' Administration Regional Offices, 49 Fourth Street, announced the following regulations have been received from Washington.

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Nineteen WACs Leave For Overseas Duty in Germany

With many a dither and jitter, nineteen WACs who volunteered for overseas duty made ready this week to depart for Germany. It is said that there is no truth in the rumor that their mad rush to sign up for overseas was brought about by the letter printed in the Fog Horn's WAC column a few weeks ago.

In that letter an enthusiastic ex-Lettermanite WAC, Sgt. Lillian Olsen, sang the praises of life as a WAC in Germany, emphasizing that no domestic tasks such as room cleaning and clothes pressing ever interrupted the pleasant balance of daily work and play. But the nineteen volunteers put the whole blame on sand in their shoes, and the desire for travel and intrigue on the other side of that vast Atlantic Ocean. With the exception of two, it is a very new and exciting experience to which they look forward.

The exceptions are **Staff Sergeant Lena L. Feinman** and **Technical Sergeant Mary A. Higgins**. "Lea" is well known to most of the duty personnel of Letterman as the girl who works in the Laundry Office, taking in the payments in exchange for the bundles, handling a great many of the responsibilities connected with reports of linen for the entire hospital. She served in Australia, Biak, Manila, and Leyte during the hardest months of the war, and already has proven her ability to work under the most difficult conditions.

Mary has held a number of positions since her arrival at Letterman, the last one being in that root of all administration, the Sergeant Major's office. Mary is a cracker-jack stenographer, and has worked as secretary to Chief of Staff of the AAF in Calcutta, secretary to the Commanding General of the AAF China Theater, and other duties took her to Chungking, and Shanghai. It would be difficult to surpass these two in ability!

The seventeen girls who are taking their first trip overseas are:

Staff Sergeant Tillie Maciejewski of Detroit, Michigan, who has been assigned while at Letterman to the Sergeant Major's office.

T/4 Evelyn E. Cummings of Manderson, South Dakota, of Military Personnel.

Sergeant Anna Yarnow of Philadelphia, Pa., also of Military Personnel.

T/5 Lorraine Brown of Burlingame, Calif., of the Sergeant Major's office.



LEAVING FOR OVERSEAS DUTY IN GERMANY

T/5 Margaret H. Roskopf of Hartington, Nebr., who has been doing stenographic work on Ward S-2.

T/5 Mary W. Moholer of Washington, D. C., who has been performing clerical duties on Ward M-2.

T/3 Rita B. Coburn of Los Angeles, Calif., from the Detachment of Patients office.

T/5 Opal S. Dugan of Los Cruces, New Mexico, who has been assigned while here to the Supply Room at WAC headquarters.

Staff Sergeant Mary F. Hart of Phoenix, Ariz., who worked in Classification Personnel, NCO, and the WAC orderly room.

Technical Sergeant Eleanor J. Eaton of Minneapolis, Minn., who was assigned to Letterman Charge of Quarters.

T/5 Anne A. Webber of Baltimore, Maryland, whose work has been in the Chief Nurse's office.

T/5 Amelia Hartman of Omaha, Nebr., clerk in the Neuropsychiatric Section.

T/3 Julia S. Duke of Ashland City, Tenn., who worked in Reconditioning.

T/5 Barbara A. Snell of Portland, Ore., who has been on duty in the Receiving office.

T/4 Ruth Willert of Los Angeles, Calif., whose duties at Letterman were in the Out-Patient office.

T/5 Florence B. Fyfe of Seattle, Wash., of Personal Affairs office.

T/5 Ada L. Verney of St. Claire, Mich., who has been a clerk in the Operating Room.

The girls are to report to Camp Kilmer, N. J. by September 7, and all will have either a furlough or a delay en route.

Letterman bids them a reluctant good-bye, and wishes them the best of luck and happiness in their new assignments.

Help Wanted!

There is an urgent need at Letterman for clerk-typists and clerk-stenographers. If any of your friends are interested, ask them to apply at the Civilian Personnel office here, 3rd floor, Administration Building.

Training Classes

A training course for mess attendants will begin Monday, 19 August, according to an announcement from the Training Branch, Civilian Personnel. The school will continue until all civilians in the mess department have completed the training and have been certified.

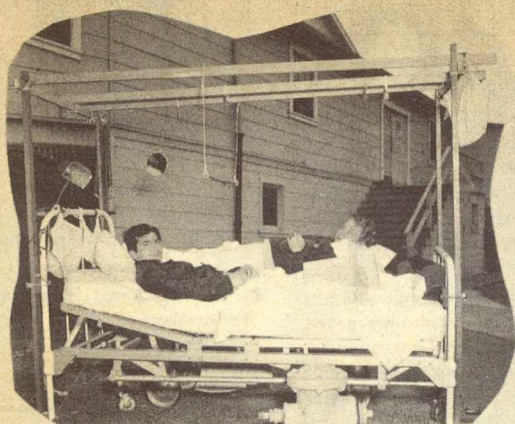
The course will be conducted by officer personnel, including doctors and dietitians. Captain Thomas C. Ward, mess officer, will give the introductory lecture.

Progress notes from the classes currently being held for ward attendants indicate that the halfway mark has been reached. To encourage attendance, a contest is being held between the military and civilian personnel enrolled, and the latest count shows civilians in the lead.

Sgt.: "I don't begin today's lecture until the room settles down."

Pvt. (from rear of room): "Go on home and sleep it off, why don't you?"

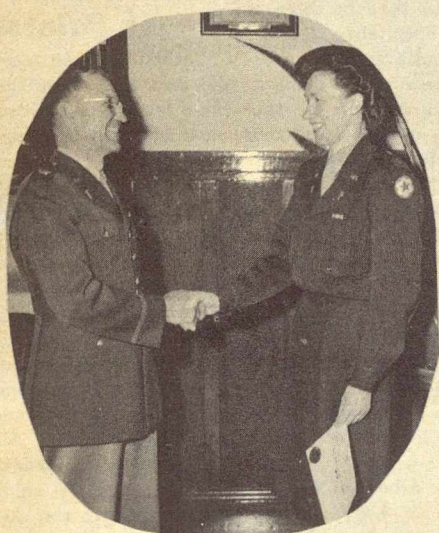
In And Out And About With The Letterman Cameraman



Parked by a Fire Plug, Too!



Ruth Shaw Demonstrates Finger Painting



Army Commendation Ribbon for
Capt. Christiansen, ANC



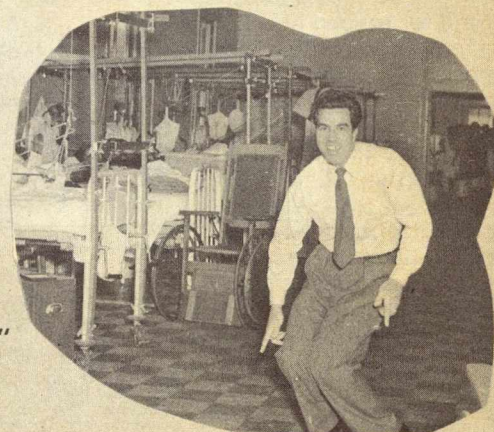
The Ones That Didn't Get Away



"Cuddle Up a Little Closer"



Heinie Brock of The Ice Follies Tells One



Ice Follies Dance Stance

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EDITORIAL

WAC

The recent announcement of the intention of the War Department to ask legislation from the Congress to establish the Women's Army Corps as a permanent part of the Regular Army will meet with the approval of many of the "old Regulars" who have had the opportunity to observe the WAC in action during the late war.

The WAC came into being at a time when there was a distinct need for their services. During their early days in uniform those volunteers were victims of unwise publicity in recruiting campaigns and many phases of life in the WAC were portrayed in anything but glamorous occupations.

In the army there are numerous assignments compatible with femininity; jobs that are appropriate for women in which they perform much better than mere men. Driving a ten ton truck, or dismantling a motor in a sea of mud are not for women and we hope they are gone forever from the MOS in the WAC.

Here at Letterman the WAC has done a superior job. The officers and women of the Corps are numbered among our most valued assets. Frankly, we wonder how Letterman would accomplish its mission for the care of the sick and wounded without them.

We hope the Congress will see eye to eye with the War Department.

We want the WAC.



General Hillman back at his desk with a suntan after the vacation in the southland.

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Colonel Kermit H. Gates, moving Lares and Penates from Palo Alto, and settling down on the Officers' Line at Letterman.

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Colonel Rex McDowell, long time assistant to Chief of the Dental Corps, passing through San Francisco en route to McCornick General Hospital—his new station.

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Major Helen J. Hart, WAC staff director for the 6th Army, looking in informally at Letterman.

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Hilda Mansfield, dynamic delight of the PX grill, frowning and singing at the same time.

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It is now Captain Alice Dahnke—the twin bars matching the twin wrist watches. Also upped this week—with new rank—Captain Alfred J. Taro, Jr., and Captain Ambadas S. Dulay. Congratulations.

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Mr. Wiley Parker, loyal Letterman rooter, allowing as how he might be able to locate a few new tires—perhaps.

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Lieut. Ann Malone, pinch hitting for Lieut. Wilma Sledge, head dietitian on leave, putting in a plea for a column for dietitians in our paper. Any second?

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Capt. Orah D. Stephenson, who was on the staff here from 1940 to 1942, and then went off to the wars, back last week in the role of patient.

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Happy New Year—for us.

Need money? Then try this one:

A man wants three dollars and has only two smackers. He pawns the two bucks for \$1.50 and sells the ticket to another fellow for \$1.50. Now he has three bucks. Simple!

He asked me what I meant by kissing his daughter in that dark corner last night, and after seeing her in daylight, I sort of wondered myself.



Brass or silver . . . whatever you want, we have it! At the present time the ANC is here in full swing with one Lt. Col., seven majors and 17 captains. The train unit is slightly behind, with one major and three captains to its credit. This is a new high in officers for the Letterman nurses.

Lieut. Lily Neal, that chic petite nurse whose eyes match her green uniform is from the Personnel Research Section of the Adjutant General's Office in New York. In spite of her heavy assignment here, which will terminate all too soon . . . September 1st, she has had a breathing spell to take in some of San Francisco's hospitality. It's her first trip west, and a great impression has already been made. Lieutenant Neal enjoyed the current play "Bloomer Girl," and is fascinated with the many famous restaurants sprinkled throughout the city. The nurses at Letterman have made an equal impression. "I've had a great deal of enjoyment in meeting Letterman's nurses and talking to them. Their cooperation has been superb in every way," was her charming way of describing you.

Lieut. Emma F. Taylor is looking forward to her leave in September. Wonder why??? (As if we didn't know!)

Lieut. Arliss D. Albert of A-1 has an added gleam in her eye since that telephone call from a Mr. James Kovich of Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Kovich, it seems is now a civilian, after serving as a sergeant in the Air Corps, and put that pretty ring on Lieutenant Taylor's finger some time ago. The birds tell us there'll be another ring to match it in the early part of September!

Major Anne K. Pilegard, who has graced our halls many times in the past, is once again in our midst. Her first tour of duty here was in 1926 to 1928. She returned in 1929, only to leave again for Hawaii where she remained until 1932. At this time she returned to Letterman, and paid us a longer visit. In 1936 she was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, and since that time has been a stranger in these parts. During 1939 to 1941 she was in Corregidor, Manila, and Baggio, and returned to serve on the east coast until she came back "home" August 8th. During her overseas duty, Major Pile-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 18, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

LGH Patients Entertained by Finger Painter

Patients at Letterman had the pleasure of a visit this week from Miss Ruth Faison Shaw, the originator of finger painting. Miss Shaw, who has her own finger painting studio in New York, demonstrated her originality on several wards and the OT shop as she carried on a witty and amusing conversation.

Miss Shaw, a school teacher, was teaching in Italy in 1929-30, when she observed a small boy dabbling in mud pies. This was her inspiration, and finger painting is now done by thousands of people throughout the United States. A special paint was required for this type of painting, one which is soluble in water, not harmful to the skin, and which keeps its true color throughout. This she invented.

Although Miss Shaw has never had any training in art, her work is very skillful and accurate. She claims that she likes to think of her painting "as a rehabilitation rather than an art." She says it is a "primitive approach to art" and certainly calls for imagination. Using her arm and fingers, Miss Shaw can portray anything from a south sea island fish to a basket of luscious fruits.

Miss Shaw was vacationing in San Francisco this week and her visit to Letterman was sponsored by the Red Cross Arts and Skills.

gargard was chief nurse. She is a member of the Regular Army Nurse Corps, and since her home is in Fresno, California, it may be an added attraction for her delight in being stationed here. She is now "at home" in the Out-Patient Clinic.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ANNE A. WEBBER
Technician Fifth Grade

Versatility is the name for T/5 Anne A. Weber. With her reserved efficient manner, Anne completely hides her "jack of all trades" background, and one might imagine she has always been tied to a desk, as is the deduction formed by disinterested spectators of office clerks. Such is definitely not the case.

Beginning her working career as a teletype operator, Anne continued to play leap frog with such various jobs as dental assistant, cashier in a theater, show business . . . in which she had a chance to show her talent for singing and dancing, and clerk in a department store. Immediately prior to enlistment, Anne had worked as a riveter on B-26s for the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and later became a foreman's clerk there. For advice on anything from show business to riveting, ask Anne.

Her travelling in show business was much more extensive than that in her Army career, although it was one of her chief reasons for serving in a uniform. The troupe travelled from Baltimore to Ohio, Chicago, Boston, and St. Louis. She was vacationing in New York City at the time she took the "oath."

Anne is a Des Moines girl and celebrated her first anniversary in ODs the early part of this month. She was assigned directly to Letterman, but arrived through Dante, where she served in the Assistant Nurse's Office until that annex closed, and she was assigned in the same capacity to the second floor of the Administration Building.

Being a very gifted person, Anne also has a talent for oil painting. This will become an important part of her future life, for under the GI Bill she plans to study sketching and painting at the Maryland Institute upon her discharge next June.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

James Burke of ward 28 has just returned from his furlough . . . Salinas material. Jim, who has been in the Army four years, still lives despite that Navy anchor tattooed on his arm! Jim, by the way is a bucking broncho GI, who has ridden in Salinas rodeos, and we do mean he rides. Said he's been riding all his life . . . well, could be, I guess.

Frank Cornell of B-2 is back in the routine of playing tennis and table tennis. He's our champ, u-know. His favorite courts are across the Bay . . . namely Bellevista, where all the pros began. You can take him on, if you want to . . . however, let us warn you he's played Kovacs.

Our friend Frank Murphy is sans mustache these days . . . reason, it turns red within ten days!

On C-2 Albert Nichol森 dreams of those civilian days coming up within two months. Says Al, "I'm going fishing!" Where??? Everywhere! No limit to his catchings in that case. By the way, don't let that green snake on his bed table frighten you. As long as the flame burns in the candle, the snake doesn't bite . . . and the flame burns and burns.

Emerson Morris of C-2 hails from Padooka, Texas, and stoutly declares, "There's no place like Texas, and I hope to see it again soon!" How about it "Tex" Leonard of 42? There's room for argument, you say? Girls are Emerson's hobby! Blondes preferred . . . and beware!

Blair Campbell of C-2 is told to read the Y's book . . . "What about marriage?" Although he speaks of a November ailing to some, he's definitely mum to others!! Could it be just to women he denies his intentions of matrimony?

Stan Klaus of ward 11 . . . take notice! The boys would like to know the ceiling price on red salmon! After your fishing trip, and your display to 28 and 17 pounders, could it be they hint that you didn't catch 'em!

It's the reverse of the old courtship tricks for Robert Peres of D-2, whose wife now brings HIM those gorgeous gladioli! (Would you like a guide to pronunciation for that?)

Oscar McMillan of E-2 is yarning a "black and tan" hound for his three year old son. It's papa's first dog work. Score . . . no thimble . . .

no pricks . . . casualties zero!

Start sewing, boys! We know you'd do that little thing for a promotion. (I can hear you all say, "What's a promotion?" It's been that long!) Under Section VIII, War Department Circular No. 215, an automatic one-grade temporary Army of the US promotion will be given to you EM who: a. Have been wounded or injured in line of duty incident to combat since 7 December '41 and have been awarded the Purple Heart therefor; b. Have been hospitalized continuously for 18 months or more as a result of the combat wound or injury described in above; c. Have not received any promotion since the date of occurrence of the combat wound or injury, etc.

Already there have been 58 promotions of patients under this order, and there are many more to come. If you haven't filled out the form, and if you think you are eligible, whistle at the nearest thing on two legs on duty in your ward, and start bucking!

1st Lieutenant Evan Hill of N-1 wants an apartment in San Francisco! If he can't find it, where will he carry his bride . . . when there is no threshold??? Miss Pricilla Anne Fiske of Netick, Massachusetts is the lucky girl, and wedding plans are that the ceremony will take place in her home, on September 21st and will be followed by a reception there. Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Fiske, parents of the bride, and Mrs. Marie Hill and Mrs. Ruth Gibian, the groom's mother and sister, will witness the exchange of vows amid over one-hundred friends of the couple: The engagement was announced last May. Although Lieutenant Hill's home is in Bellingham, Washington, the couple will live in San Francisco. Best of luck to you.

Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the professional that if his name was on his golf balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot, "put my name on this ball."

The pro did so.

"Would you also put M. D. after it?" said the new member. "I'm a Doctor."

The pro obliged.

"There's just one more thing," went on the Scot, "can ye squeeze 'Hours 10 to 3' on as well?"

ON THE SPOT



JAMES S. CRUMBLEY
Private First Class

The little red fox with the German accent which has been hitting all the local papers recently belongs to Pfc. James S. Crumbley, ward 41. Jim doesn't seem to mind the fact that his pet thrives on publicity, thus putting his master in the foggy background. Unlike the daily screamers, we decided to reverse the procedure.

Jim was born on Catalina Island and has been somewhat of a wanderer since that time, traveling through Paris, Germany, Casa Blanca, and Rome, Italy prior to his enlistment in the service. After all his tours, he doesn't want to renounce the task of living out of suitcases, but rather would like to continue to explore foreign countries, and upon his discharge from the Army, plans to delve into airplane mechanics in Australia.

The fox (you might know we'd mention him!) was a little item Jim came across in Germany just before he was wounded. While riding, Jim and his comrades sighted the mother fox dashing out of some debris along the road. Mother fox evidently wasn't an ally, which they discovered by her viciousness toward the American GIs, so she met her end as did many of her un-American comrades. Exploring her hideout, the boys found three baby foxes, not yet weaned on Nazism and adopted them. Thus "Boy" is a German orphan, brought to this country to be taught democratic ways. However, he's giving his master a little trouble, and at this very time is on a three months' parole. He was sentenced for being AWOL, drunk, and disorderly in conduct! He's boarded out, but is brought to his master upon request. Jim just can't understand his tendency toward beer, nor his unquenchable thirst for wine.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Results of the Civil Service examinations taken here in June are in process of being mailed out by the Civil Service Commission, and a lot of happy civilian faces around Letterman reflect passing grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennis left Letterman recently, and plan to make their new home in Oregon, where Mr. Dennis has a new job. Best wishes to a grand couple. We're glad to have had them with us.

That healthy outdoor look on the face of Helen Diez of the Record Room can be credited to a week at Richardson Grove and plenty of "camping out."

Warren Conlin and Louis Strohecker of Civilian Personnel are giving out "glowing" accounts of their recent trip to Denver and Fitzsimons General Hospital. Reckon they'll appreciate "summer" weather at Letterman more than ever, now that they've endured some really hot weather at the Trainers' Conference.

Pearl Robillard of Civilian Personnel is on the much-to-be-envied vacation list, and she's enjoying hers at Hoberg's in Lake County.

Gail Knight, formerly of the library, is now dealing out facts in the Information Office.

We'll be sorry to lose Nancy Austin of Civilian Personnel when she leaves the end of this month for China. The Austin family will join Nancy's father, who is stationed in China.

Congratulations to Margery Jones, who celebrated her birthday this week on August 13, which makes the 13th a perennially lucky day for her.

Today is that happy day for Frances Castro of the post-office staff—her wedding at 4 p. m. will make her the bride of Staff Sergeant M. G. McKinley, who is stationed at Fort Scott. Following the wedding Mrs. Peggy Janiec of the Record Room will give a reception for the couple and their friends at the NCO Club at Fort Scott. Sergeant and Mrs. McKinley will honeymoon for a week, and one of their destinations will be Salinas, where the bride's mother will have a birthday party for her. The party will be the day before the actual birthday, because on that date—August 26—Frances is due back at her postoffice post.

Bathing Beauty—a girl worth wading for.

FROM INDIANA TO CALIFORNIA VIA THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND SAIPAN



Major ELIZABETH A. PESUT
Chief Nurse, Hospital Train Unit

Major Elizabeth A. Pesut (pronounced Paysoo, in case you're wondering) is receiving congratulations this week on her new assignment as Chief Nurse of the Train Unit. Major Sylvia Evans, her predecessor, has transferred to William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas. Major Pesut, her alert brown eyes sparkling, says she's already enjoying her new duties.

With the first anniversary of V-J Day this week, Major Pesut is reminded of what she did on that historic August 14 last year. There's a pleasing contrast in her surroundings—last year she was on Saipan. "We didn't do anything sensational," she reports, "but we did have the day off, and went on a picnic to celebrate."

Major Pesut has been a Regular Army nurse since 1938. Her first station was William Beaumont General Hospital, where she remained for two years. She was assigned to duty in Honolulu in 1941 and was there until January, 1945, when she was sent to Saipan.

"I liked living in the Islands very much and want to go back there some day on a visit. I don't think

I want to live there again," she says.

Shortly after the end of hostilities, in September, 1945, she returned to the United States and headed for home—the Hoosier state of Indiana, where she spent a heavenly 60 days with her parents. She has two brothers and three sisters, and they had a real family reunion, with plenty of wartime experiences to talk over. The family service record is divided 50-50 between Army and Navy, with Major Pesut and one brother in the Navy and a sister in the WAVES.

Major Pesut received her nurse's training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, and worked as a civilian nurse for the Veteran's Bureau before joining the Army.

She came to Letterman last December, and has been with the Train Unit ever since. Her trips with hospital trains have taken her to New York, Washington, Kansas, and Colorado, and one of her memories of a New York trip is ice-skating in Rockefeller Center. "Even though I'm anything but a champion skater, I didn't want to miss that," she says.

WAC

This past week Marjorie MacMillan has been in a whirlwind as to what should prefix her name. During the beginning of the week, she was a T/4 in the WAC, the middle of the week found her a "Miss" for little more than a day, and Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the Presidio Post Chapel, she changed the entire name to Mrs. William Ponting, which solved the whole confusing situation! Marjorie wore a beautiful white bridal gown for that most important event in her life, with a long veil which her mother had worn on her wedding day. Her bridesmaid was Pat Nacey, and Frances Black sang for the ceremony "Always" and "The Lord's Prayer." The groom is a sergeant in the Regular Army, now on recruiting duty in San Francisco. Following the exchange of vows, a reception was held at the Presidio YMCA, after which the couple left for a two week's honeymoon in Long Beach. They will make their home in this city.

There is great excitement in the home of the R. H. Glenns this month as they entertain out-towners. M/Sgt. Opal Borders Glenn's mother, Mrs. J. V. Borders, arrived from Kilgore, Texas last Friday to visit the newlyweds, and as this is her first trip to San Francisco, there are several sight-seeing tours on schedule. It has been their first opportunity to act as host and hostess since their marriage last June.

The hustle and bustle attitude of the excited girls who will leave momentarily for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and ultimately Germany, make us who are staying behind slightly green-eyed. The girls who received their over-there assignments are: T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton, S/Sgt. Lena L. Feinman, Sgt. Anna Yarnow, T/Sgt. Mary A. Higgins, T/4 Margaret H. Roskopf, T/4 Ruth Willert, S/Sgt. Tillie Maciejewski, T/3 Julia S. Duke, S/Sgt. Mary F. Hart, T/3 Rita B. Coburn, T/4 Evelyn E. Cummings, T/5 Florence B. Fyfe, T/5 Amelia Hartman, T/5 Barbara A. Snell, T/5 Anne A. Webber, T/5 Ada L. Verney, T/5 Lorraine L. Brown, T/5 Opal S. Dugan, and T/5 Mary W. Moholer, Auf wiedersehn, and loads of luck on your new adventure!

Economy is a way to spend money without getting any fun out of it.

Reconditioning Says

Have you ever had the desire to start in business for yourself? Almost everyone has, at one time or another. USAFI offers a self-teaching course, the Small Business (Course 1): Organization, which covers such problems as banking and financial problems, legal relations in business, business risks, insurance, etc. Course 11, Operation, handles problems such as purchasing and selling, advertising, display, credit and collection policies, etc. Other courses of value to someone interested in business are Bookkeeping, Accounting, Advertising, Business Filing, Business Law, and Merchandising Techniques. In addition to general information which would apply to any business, USAFI has textbooks and courses on specific businesses such as Apparel Store, Drug Store, Grocery Store, Machine Shop, Service Station, and many others.

You pay only \$2.00 for the first USAFI course; all of the rest of the courses you may decide to take are then free—this includes books as well as the service of lesson corrections. As a patient, you may enroll in two courses at a time.

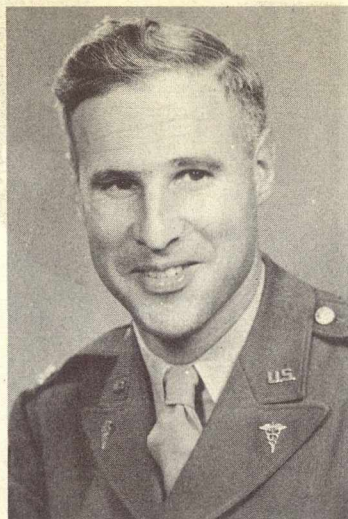
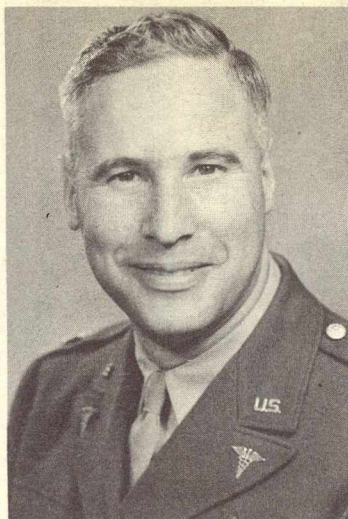
2. Educational Reconditioning has received a large shipment of Educational Manuals that may be borrowed on a library basis. Shipment includes books mentioned above and covers almost every subject from Medieval History and Psychology to Poultry Farming and Plumbing.

3. Learn a trade while a patient at Letterman. The Fall term at Gompers' Trade School begins 4 Sept. and transportation is provided for both morning and afternoon classes. Such courses as Diesel Engines, Trade Drafting, Machine Shop, Photography, Radio Broadcasting, Radio Repair, Carpentry, Welding, etc., are given. Apprenticeship courses are offered in the evening division.

4. More than 200 patients and duty personnel have taken the GED tests since the I & E Office began administering them in July 1945. Diplomas have been awarded to Privates and Colonels—to teen-agers and oldsters.

If you don't have that high school diploma, now is the time to try to get it.

TWINS TAKE TURNS TELLING TACTICS FOR DOUBLE EXPOSURE



Lt. Colonels RALPH AND DONALD REINER
Or which is which?

Looking at the photographs shown above, we wonder how closely one of the old fashioned stereoscopes would come to producing a third dimension figure of the identical twins here portrayed.

They began life together in Korea and lived there until they reached the age of 12. Their parents were missionaries in that country. The boys did everything together to effect a life-long confusion for their friends and associates. Even now people come up to Ralph and ask sadly why he snubbed them, only to find out they had spoken to Donald and he didn't know them.

Together they took their M. D. degree at the University of California, and together they entered the Army in 1939, and were both at Letterman for a month or two. It took the Army to separate them, but in spite of widely separated wartime activities, they managed duplication in the matter of rank, both being Lieutenant Colonels.

During the war the only time they

were together was when both were taking Flight Surgeon training at Randolph Field, Texas. Ralph's overseas duty took him to Italy, where he was Wing Surgeon and Air Force Command Surgeon with the 15th Air Force in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, and Donald was with the 10th Air Force in Burma.

They didn't see one another for four years until they both came back to Letterman recently, and once again they have a chance to do things together.

This week they went swimming in the Letterman pool, confusing the other occupants of the pool into thinking they were seeing double, and they're now looking forward to some double plays on the golf course.

Col. Ralph Reiner is assigned to Orthopedic Service here at the hospital, and Col. Donald Reiner is with Surgical Service, and at present is taking a refresher course at the University of California.

The CO, making a Saturday inspection, rummaged through the private's footlocker. He came across a fifth of White Horse.

"Don't you know this locker is only for clothing?" demanded the CO.

"Yes, sir," replied the private. "That's my night-cap."

The husband who knows where his wife keeps her nickels has nothing on the husband who knows where the maid's quarters are.

Rookie: "I have a pain in my abdomen."

Army Doctor: "Young man, officers have abdomens, sergeants have stomachs. You have a belly-ache."

Nurse: "Every time I bend over this soldier to listen to his heart-beat, it increases. What should I do?"

Medical Officer: "Button your collar."

Increased Pension Payments Will Begin September 1

Twenty per cent increases in pension payments to 55,000 northern California veterans of both world wars will begin September 1; the Veterans' Administration here announced this week.

As of the same date, VA will begin payment of full pensions, including the 20 per cent increase, to veterans hospitalized or domiciled in VA institutions.

The increases, affecting nearly 2,000,000 veterans in the nation and 400,000 dependents were authorized under new legislation signed yesterday by President Truman.

No action on the part of the veteran is necessary to obtain the increases, VA announced. First checks, reflecting the larger payments, will be mailed Oct. 1, since benefits are not paid in advance. The increase does not affect retirement pay and it does not apply to subsistence allowances payable to ex-servicemen under Public Laws 16 and 346.

Hospitalized veterans, some of whom have been limited to \$8 per month pensions, will go on full-payment basis September 1, also. Previously veterans without dependents could not be paid more than \$20 per month while in VA institutions. Veterans with non-service connected disabilities received a maximum of \$8. It does not affect the \$1500 accumulation now permitted for veterans declared mentally incompetent.

Although the new law allows full payments, veterans receiving hospitalization for more than six months will be paid only 50 per cent of the regular rate, or \$30, whichever is greater. If the regular rate is \$30 or less, it will not be reduced. However, when the veteran leaves the hospital, with the approval of VA, he will receive a lump sum equal to the amount withheld after the six-month period. If the veteran leaves without VA consent, any amount withheld will not be paid until six months afterward. If a veteran dies while receiving treatment, any amount due him will be paid to his dependents.

Payments to veterans now receiving hospitalization or institutional care will not be curtailed for six months regardless of how long the veteran was hospitalized prior to Sept. 1, it was said.



SPORTSHORTS: Frank Menke, demon gatherer of historical data and statistics for his famed Encyclopedia of Sports, recently nominated Babe Didrikson as the greatest athlete, man or woman, who ever lived. He pointed out that she competed in 634 different sports events and won 632 of them. . . . Jack Dempsey first fought under the name "Kid Blackie," while his brother boxed under the monicker "Jack Dempsey." Jack's brother did not feel like meeting a certain opponent and so the ex-heavy king convinced the promoter that he was "Jack Dempsey," instead of Kid Blackie. Jack's brother, Barney, stopped fighting while Dempsey kept the name. . . . A kid catcher once popped off that he knew how to stop Ty Cobb, when the latter was a terror on the bases. What's more, he did. After the game he was asked what his secret was. He answered, "It's very simple. When he starts for second I throw to third and beat him a stride as he slides into the bag."

St Petersburg, Fla (CNS)—Mrs Lucy Smith couldn't unlock the door of her car so she asked a passing stranger to open it for her. Obligingly, he picked up a rock and slammed it through the window, then reached in and opened the door.

Big Cut In QM Personnel

Washington (CNS)—From a total military strength of 477,259 officers and enlisted men as of 1 August, 1945, the worldwide Quartermaster Corps troop strength has dropped to 154,687, as of June 1, 1946.

Quartermaster Corps personnel at the present time constitutes 7.7 per cent of the total strength of the Army, although its officer personnel is only four per cent of the total Army officer personnel.

About 40 per cent of the total Quartermaster Corps strength is stationed at installations in the continental United States, and the balance is overseas. The European and Pacific theaters account for 87 per cent of the overseas strength. The remaining 13 per cent is distributed as follows: four per cent in the Mediterranean theater, three per cent in the Caribbean Defense Command, one per cent in the China-Burma-India area, two per cent in the Alaskan Department and the remainder in the Africa-Middle East theater and miscellaneous groups.



LETTERMAN'S PRACTICALLY UNBEATABLE SOFTBALL TEAM

First row, left to right: Teresa DeDominicis, Alice Dahnke, Beverly Wight; second row, left to right: Miriam Johnson, Eleanor Eaton, Mary Hart, Mildred Sitton; top row, left to right: Dorothy Johnson, Betty Miller, Frances Jenkins, Ann Newton.

Last Nazi PW



International

Except for a few hundred PWs still in hospitals in various parts of the country, all of the Nazi PWs have been returned to their homes. Here is the last of the Nazi prisoners about to board the transport S. S. Texarkana which took him and 1,385 other PWs back to the Reich.

Rough Going



Press Association

Stepping into the mantle of Marse Joe McCarthy, skipper Bill Dickey has become a party to one of the biggest hoaxes in the annals of baseball. Rated by almost every sports scribe as the team to beat in the American League race, the once vaunted Yankees have failed to live up to pre-season expectations and are fighting to retain the runner-up slot to the pace-setting beantowners from Boston.

MORE ABOUT LEG AMPUTEES

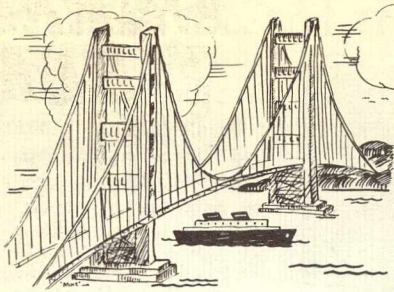
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1. Cars will be bought only for World War II veterans entitled to compensation for loss of, or loss of use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle.

2. The \$1,600 limit on price must include any special equipment or attachments necessary to enable the veteran to operate the machine. No part of the money may be used for maintenance or replacement purposes. The Veterans' Administration will pay the total purchase price to the seller from whom the veteran buys the machine.

3. The Veterans' Administration must first determine the veteran's ability to operate the vehicle safely and to obtain a driver's license under existing state law.

Administrative procedures for carrying out the provisions of the new law are being prepared by VA in Washington and will be announced as soon as completed, it was said. Applications from veterans will not be accepted until such procedure has been worked out, the San Francisco offices announced.



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Educators Praise Work of Veterans In Universities

The thousands of education-hungry ex-GI's who stormed the Nation's campuses last semester established a group record for scholastic accomplishments that has no parallel in the history of our schools. This is the unanimous verdict of educators representing 19 colleges and universities in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii who recently replied to a survey conducted by the Veterans Administration.

Former servicemen not only made better grades than the average non-veteran but demonstrated a seriousness of purpose and maturity which brought enthusiastic comments from every school in the poll. In the words of Dr. Donald P. Tresidder, president of Stanford University, "The quickness and ease with which the veteran students adjusted to civilian life was very striking. They have shown a reassuring maturity and seriousness of purpose and have maintained a scholarship average higher than the general average of the University. The University is indebted to them for bringing a serious, stabilizing influence to the campus at a time when it was most welcome."

Disabled veterans at U.C.L.A. outdistanced all other students in academic performance—"a situation that is clearly becoming commonplace," said the University's Byron H. Atkinson of the Office of Veterans Affairs. They attained an overall average of nearly B, while 23 percent made B averages or better. Their work "suggests a revision of the thinking of many regarding the imagined veteran problem," Atkinson said.

If the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley can be

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HILDEGARDE SINGS

And "Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup" proved completely captivating to Letterman patients this week when the star of the Raleigh radio show sang and ad libbed her way through the wards. Hildegard, who is on the West Coast for an engagement at the Mark Hopkins, endeared herself to San Franciscans by refusing to go to Los Angeles, saying she liked only northern California. Best quip of the day at Letterman was when she interrupted herself in the midst of a song to say "Wonderful voice, haven't I? Just like a nightingown!" And when a patient called for "Last Time I Saw Paris," she said expectantly, "Yes, what happened?"

Choice of New Army Blues to Be Made After Wide Tests

Plans are now under way to provide Uncle Sam's soldiers with special blue uniforms, the War Department has disclosed. This will be accomplished as soon as civilian shortages of clothing are eased sufficiently to allow the Army to place large-scale clothing orders.

Officials revealed that the soldiers themselves will have an opportunity to select the shade and color of accessories. It is planned to conduct an extensive series of tests in Army camps throughout the United States next month in order to determine the most acceptable uniform.

The tests will be made by teams of demonstrators, and they will model six different styles which have been suggested for the new blues. After hearing the reactions of the men in the camps, the Army will narrow the field to two choices for the fall.

Next step will be when large groups of soldiers will mingle with crowds on the street, showing off the two blue outfits. Reactions from the public will help decide what the final uniform will be, whether blues or solid color, two-tone coats and light trousers, or some other combination.

The soldier's blues will be for off-post wear only. The traditional olive drab colors will still prevail at all stations. However, changes in design are being planned. The new shirts, for instance, will have shoulder straps for enlisted men from now on.

Orthopedic Workshop Has Served Patients for 28 Years

"The patient who is going to wear these braces hasn't walked for two years, and now he'll be able to walk again," said Peter Boncalzi, working on a pair of full-length braces in Letterman's Orthopedic Workshop.

In the prostheses section of the shop, T/Sgt. Louis Morris put the finishing touches on an artificial leg destined for another patient, who will be able to discard his wheelchair when he is fitted with the leg.

Supporting himself on the parallel bars, Pfc. Reuben Clements, patient on Ward 40, tried out his newly fitted leg, accustoming himself to walking again.

Joseph Marea, civilian in charge, and an expert in the field of orthopedic appliances, is a Letterman old-timer who has been with the shop since it was started over 28 years ago, in 1918. He tells of the satisfaction he and other workers in the shop feel because they know that their work is for the purpose of helping to restore lost abilities to men who have sacrificed arms and legs in the defense of their country.

The brace department of the shop makes appliances for the correction and support of weak limbs. Braces are made for fracture cases and for patients' suffering from spinal cord injuries and from nerve injuries which cause drop foot.

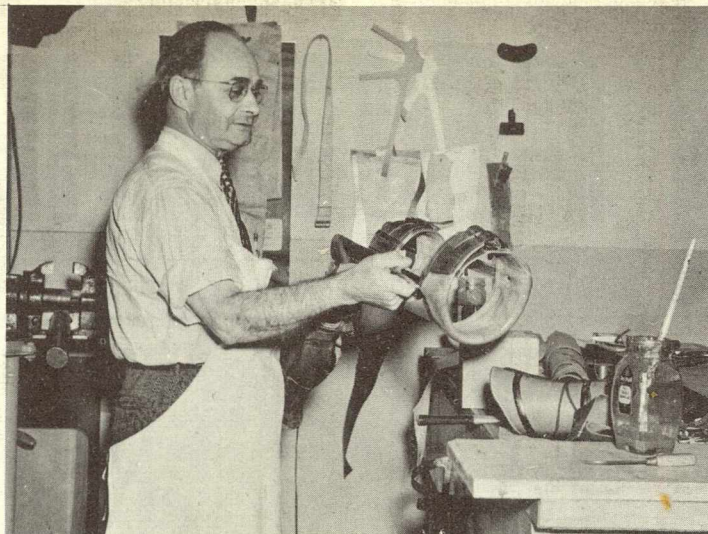
The brace shop also makes surgical and abdominal belts, back braces and neck braces (known as the Thomas collar), and various types of splints.

At present there are 123 amputees at Letterman, and since their arrival from Bushnell General Hospital, the prostheses department of the shop has been greatly enlarged. Here the artificial arms and legs are made ready for, and fitted to the patients.

After World War I the Letterman shop manufactured the complete artificial limb, but at present the arms and legs are obtained unassembled from manufacturers and are put together here.

Measurements are taken, either on the ward or in the shop, and drawings and casts are then made, so that proper fitting of the prostheses can be accomplished.

Plastic sockets are made in the shop, the foot is fitted with a shoe, the lacer is made, and the leg fitted to the patients to obtain cor-



Joseph Marea, civilian in charge, who has been with the Orthopedic Workshop all during the 28 years of its existence.



Cpl. Joe Lynn of Ward 42 being fitted by T/Sgt. Sherrill Rasmussen of the Prostheses Department.

rect alignment. As shrinkage of the stump progresses, necessary adjustments of the prostheses are made.

A new and more flexible type of aluminum ankle joint has recently been provided, and is said to be much more satisfactory than the ankle joint formerly in use.

For the arm amputees a recently developed type of arm is being tested. This permits the arm to be turned automatically instead of manually.

As might be expected, there is some variation in the time the patient needs to acquire facility of operation of the prosthetic appliance but learning to walk with fair

ease can be accomplished in about ten days, and learning to manipulate an arm takes about a week.

Each arm amputee is provided with two types of hand—the utility hook and the cosmetic hand. The former has been found more practical for everyday use; the latter is used mainly for dress occasions.

Lt. J. N. Calway, who is in charge of the Orthopedic Workshop, has two assistants who came here with him from Bushnell, T/Sgt. Elmer L. Owens and S/Sgt. John N. Rhodes, both of whom are qualified to instruct new employees in the technical aspects of work in the shop.

At present the work of the shop

Major Inman Leaves

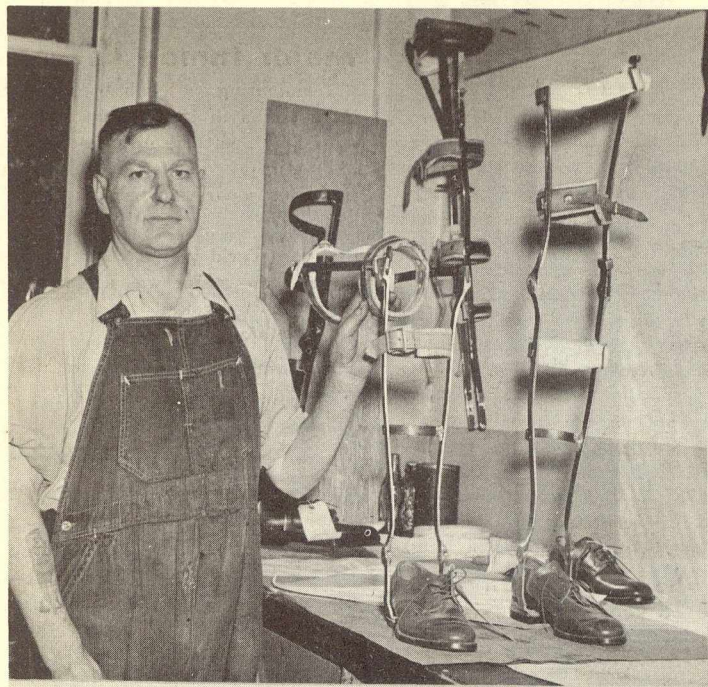
Terminating a military career that started in 1912, Major Lee Inman, MAC., left the Adjutant's Desk on Saturday to report to Camp Beale for separation from the service.

When World War II was over the horizon the major was a staff sergeant and assistant to then Sergeant Major William L. Beswick. The sergeant major was called to duty on his reserve commission as captain and Inman took over the duties of sergeant major in the grade of master sergeant. In November Inman was commissioned 1st Lieutenant AUS and assigned to the office of the Port Surgeon, San Francisco Port of Embarkation. He later went to the Station Hospital, SFPE, as Captain and Adjutant where he remained until he returned to Letterman to fill the Adjutant's post. In September 1945 he was promoted to the grade of major, and in March of this year he was awarded the Army Comendation Ribbon for outstanding efficiency as adjutant for this command.

Major Inman was noted for his comprehensive knowledge of army regulations and he seldom had to refer to "the book" to make his decisions. His training and experience were valuable assets to the administrative processes connected with the fulfillment of the mission of Letterman General Hospital during the late war.

is done by civilian employees and personnel from the medical detachment. Those on duty include: M/Sgt. Jack A. Anderson, T/Sgt. Louis C. Morris, T/Sgt. Elmer L. Owens, T/Sgt. Sherrill Rasmussen, S/Sgt. Warren L. Meyer, S/Sgt. John N. Rhodes, T/3 Thelma I. Atchison, T/3 W. C. Peterson, T/3 Alden Sage, T/3 James D. Davis, T/4 Frank Richards, Cpl. John W. Galloway, T/5 Robert P. Melton, Pfc. Richard P. Scallen, Pfc. Jesse Clark, Pvt. Richard G. Rimke, Pvt. Donald R. Grisel, Pvt. Walter F. Manley, Pvt. Burrill A. Warrow, Joseph Marea, Maurice F. Brown, George L. Christian, Arzo (Dick) Whisenhunt, Peter Boncalzi, William Coon, Edward G. Cox, Phillip Harkov, Herman Marchi, Clarence Milotta, Frank Moose and Leslie Shaver.

Letterman's Orthopedic Workshop Personnel in Action



Peter Boncalzi of the Brace Department displays full-length braces.



S/Sgt. John N. Rhodes and T/3 William Peterson help Pfc. Reuben Clements of Ward 40 to get used to his artificial leg.



M/Sgt. Jack A. Anderson and Pvt. Richard G. Rimke at work on artificial hands.



T/Sgt. Louis C. Morris inspects a finished prostheses.

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EDITORIAL

POWER TO CHANGE

What is most fascinating in life is the power some men and women seem to have of changing ugliness into beauty. In a shabby old house a child grows up who makes for himself a golden house of dreams. Out of the gray and muddy city comes a poet. A friendless immigrant learns in the slums how to transform his neighborhood by the power of love. After an idle and careless youth comes not infrequently a patient and kindly manhood. Often a homely face as it grows older begins to give out light. Most of the people one knows learn sooner or later to adjust themselves cheerfully to the uncongenial task, the sordid surroundings. They make a virtue of necessity.

We all seem to have, though unused, something of this power to distill a precious essence out of the coarse stuff of daily life, to treasure it up, to give it away, to pass it on.

Seeing into things below the surface the power to grasp hidden meanings, not by reason but by imagination, is insight. It is natural in poets and artists. Anyone may acquire it by patient practice. For the transmutation of love from a trade or a game into an art, insight is the first step. — Beamont News.

Then there's the one about the man who rushed into a Texas saloon and yelled "Fire!"

Everybody did.

WAC

By Bette Byers

That handsome lad seen in the company of T/5 Virginia Hill is her young "brudder" recently discharged from the Marine Corps. Douglas Hill has come all the way from Wisconsin to visit his sister, and that, my friend, is really brotherly love! It's his first trip to the west coast, and Virginia is now turning her time over to showing him the San Francisco sights.

The WAC assistants of the Physical Therapy Department received tribute from the rest of the staff in the form of a dinner party at Lucca's Restaurant this past week. A nice gesture in any woman's language! T/3 Ione Currier and T/5 Theresia Stubits barely got in under the line for the party before going to Camp Beale and into civvies! The wonderful reports on the girls in that department add a fine touch to their already fine reputation!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to T/5 Elizabeth Staszak on the tragic news of her father's death last Tuesday. Betty flew to Lorraine, Ohio to be with her family for a 15-day emergency period.

At the end of last month, the total number of WACs at Letterman was 220. At the present time there are only 189 of us left. Quite a drop, n'est-ce pas?

New to the detachment is T/5 Mary Esani, who has joined the girls on the upper floor of Barracks 212. Mary arrived for duty at Letterman on August 18th from Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia. She's a surgical technician and will soon be assigned to one of our wards.

T/3 Ione Currier, T/5 Mildred Haglund, T/4 Cora Eggleston, T/5s Bernadine Yarroll, Grace Baxter, Jane Pope, Leona Fischer, Theresia Stubits, T/4 Dorothy Bennett, Sergeant Ruth Cannon, and T/5 Eunice Teston headed for Camp Beale Thursday, and so out to the road of inflation! Lots of luck, girls!

That red glow on T/5 Mildred "Percy" Sitton's face last Tuesday morning wasn't a sunburn . . . neither was it a blush! It was merely the result of mental anguish of anticipation of the Schick diphtheria test.

Lawyer: "Now if you want my honest opinion—"

Client: "I dont. I want your professional advice."



Captain Philomena A. Pagano of the Regular Army Nurse Corps is a recent addition to the staff at Letterman, having arrived August 7. Captain Pagano, who is ward nurse of E-1, enlisted in the Corps March, '40, after finishing her training at Montgomery Hospital, Norristown, Pennsylvania. She has served two separate periods overseas, her first from December, 1940 to February, 1944 in the Antilles Department, and the second from November, 1944 to June, 1946 in the ETO. Since that time she has been on duty at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., and Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Being an ardent sports-woman, Captain Pagano is looking forward to some golf and tennis on the post, and a dip in our chilly Pacific waters.

When one of our Major nurses mutters "Choongum" she is asking for chewing gum—and usually gets it!

The comings and goings of the personnel in the Physical Therapy Department is causing great excitement. Lieut. Barbara Long is bidding adieu to her many friends at Letterman in preparation to her journey to Japan. She has been with the PT Department since March 26.

Adding a bit of the south to the PT Department is Lieut. Francis Des Prez who recently joined their staff. Shes already well known to many of our patients who were with her at her former stations, Dibble and Madigan General Hospitals. Her home town is in Alabama, and her southern accent is really delightful.

"Can you top this one?" Lieutenant Frances Trocinsky, Dietician, and a newcomer, has been in the Army for one year and Letterman is her seventh station! Lieut. Trocinsky spent several months in Calcutta, India, with the 142d General Hospital. The home of this petite lassie is in Glendive, Montana.

Lieutenant Helen Tracy recently returned from a 15-day leave which was spent motoring to Minnesota where she met her future in-laws. Her fiancé, an ex-neuropsychiatric technician in the Army is attending school there. She plans a winter wedding, and will make her home in Minnesota.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 25, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Wedding Bells

T/5 Ruth Moore of the Separation Office recently returned from her nineteen day furlough to surprise her many friends with the news of her marriage August 5th to Mr. Frank Corbelli. The wedding took place in Reno in the home of a Justice of the Peace, followed by a two-weeks honeymoon.

Mr. Corbelli, a mechanic, who was recently discharged from the Army as a sergeant with the 13th Armored Division, spent several months in the European Theatre of Operations. The couples romance first began a few years ago when they attended Galileo High School together.

Ruth will soon leave to take up the duties of a housewife, and with her go our many wishes for health and happiness.

Artist: "Ah, perhaps you, too, are a lover of the beauties of nature. Have you seen the golden fingers of the dawn spreading across the eastern sky; the red-stained sulphurous islets floating in the lake of fire in the west; rugged clouds at midnight blotting out the shuddering moon?"

Farmer: "Nope, not lately. I've been on the wagon for over a year."

A successful city businessman took up farming as a sideline. After two years a friend asked him how things were going. "Well, I made \$10,000 on the farm last year," the businessman said.

"\$10,000?" repeated the friend incredulously.

"Yes, sir," said the businessman firmly. "I lost only \$22,000. The first year I lost \$32,000."

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELEANOR J. EATON
Technical Sergeant

When approached with the vital question: "Would you be interested in going to Germany?" T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton took all of five minutes to make a decision. "I won't every regret going, but if I didn't go, I'd probably spend the majority of my life wondering what I missed and regretting not taking advantage of the opportunity," is Eleanor's outlook. Too few people can travel abroad, and this is a chance which would not come her way again. There you have it. The answer to the question, "Why do they sign up for overseas?"

Eleanor enlisted in the WAC in November, 1944, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the age of 20. She was born in North Dakota, and outside of this state and her hometown, she had never traveled. From the time she was 18 years of age, Eleanor had the desire to be a WAC, and promptly upon turning 20, she took advantage of the minimum age limit. She spent her waiting time working for the Strutwear Knitting Company, and "like the Army, she had many jobs with one employer."

Eleanor claims she has no time for hobbies. She celebrates going overseas, birthdays, holidays, and victories or losses of the basketball team. "I guess that's my hobby because that's why I don't have time for one!"

Despite the fact that Eleanor's favorite indoor sports are sleeping and eating, she excels in outdoor activities. She played short-stop, left and right field, and pitched on the softball team, and was on the basketball team last year.

Every girl in the Hospital Company knows Eleanor as one of her favorite WACs in the Hospital Service Branch, formerly Hospital Charge of Quarters. She assigned them to their jobs in the hospital, and was held responsible for their

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Egon Johansen of C-2 can take this for what it is worth. . . . Does he know that his female visitors are checking up on one another?? When it comes to that, brother, you'd better throw out a life line! You're sinking!

For a juicy discussion, drop in to ward C-2 to see Sam Harrison and Al Nicholson around lunch time. The subject is always food . . . unusual recipes. The boys are trying to outdo each other Omar Khayyam fashion. Wednesday the topic was banana-and-peanut-butter sandwiches. Dagwood, you've met your Waterloo!

What's this . . . no fish?? When Robert Denny of ward 28 and Bill Pollard of B-2, both active members of the Angling Club, went fishing at Half Moon Bay this week, they ended up with more bait than fish. Of course you can always rely on Letterman on Friday, boys!

Russ Nunes of ward 3 is at it again. Just hand him anything and he's invented something which hasn't yet been seen on the face of the earth! The latest is a tube which runs through*water contained in a sugar jar and through another tube holding a filled pipe. The idea, they tell me, is to smoke it, and your tobacco is guaranteed never to be dry! Haven't we some nice cozy corner where the boy can be put away quietly?

The red balloon adorning the room of Harold Hoebel of ward C-1 seems to be the only bright thing in there! That's in retaliation for the remark, "You write for the Fog-horn? And she looks rather intelligent, too!"

When the phone rings in ward D-2 and Frank Douglas' face glows, don't get the wrong idea! Much more misleading is the beginning of his conversation . . . "Start talking, baby, it's your nickel!" His seven year old daughter is on the other end. I could be wrong . . . I only heard!

Confusing the duty personnel around ward E-2 was the object of Ed Yount who posed as Luis Serpas Tuesday. He was so successful that

morale thereafter. Now that she has left for Germany, she'll be remembered for her grand disposition and good "sport" attitude.

even his picture was taken in place of Luis', as Luis watched . . . and laughed.

YOU may not like the San Francisco fog . . . but ask Ira Landerman of E-2 how it feels after spending a three-day pass in that scorching Sacramento sun!

What's this . . . a nursery??? The boys of F-1 feel like Father Time as they watch four newcomers to their ward. Ernest Benton, age six, Norman Wood, also six, Allen Frank, another six, and John Whatley, all of eight years old, are held responsible.

Bill Vincent of K-2 is anticipating that transfer into a Veteran's Hospital and southern California soon. Recently promoted to staff sergeant, Bill can claim owning the only moving turtle in the whole world that never draws into his shell. You're wrong . . . he really has the shell, too!

Ed Combe of K-2 is a smooth manager. His pals all admit that he receives more female fan letters than any other patient in sight . . . and yet he monopolizes the time of a very pretty little girl on the post. What's your secret? Ben wants to know!

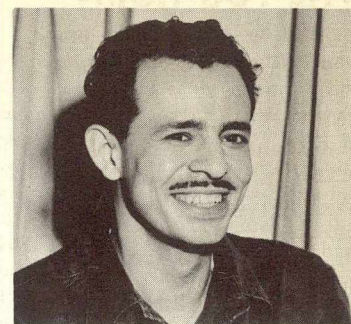
Overheard in the ramps this week: Ray Pfeifle asking Norman Scheu of ward 1, "And who's little sister was that I saw you out with last night?"

The wolf who whistle instead of howls in the hall in front of E-1 is Blase Genette of that ward.

Fred Cassata of C-2 spends the majority of his time dreaming of transferring to Halloran General Hospital at Staten Island. What puzzles him is why no one gets the mental-telepathy signals and puts him on orders!

Lieut. Donald Christiansen of B-1 is very proud of his charming young wife, Erma, who was recently guest of honor on the program 'Breakfast on Nob Hill.' Mrs. Christiansen was speechless with surprise when she received a gorgeous box of roses, chocolates, nylons, and a dress as gifts of the program, but was able to find her voice long enough to be interviewed when the time came. If anyone deserves praise, she does, for all of her time is spent on the ward with her husband. If she isn't a nurse, she could easily pass for one.

ON THE SPOT



LUIS SERPAS
Private First Class

The Latin Crosby of Letterman is Luis Serpas of ward E-2. If you've never had the pleasure of hearing him sing, you'd better tune that dial on KLGH between 3:15 and 3:30 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and find out what you are missing.

Luis, a most unusual person for his 27 years, was born in El Salvador, South America, and at the age of six toured Europe and the United States with his parents before returning to his Latin country. Upon completing his degree in Civil Engineering at the University of El Salvador, Luis came to Berkeley in 1942, and studied at the University of California. He had already put in some years as chief field engineer for the Lempa River Power Plant, Lempa Bridge, Pan-American Highway, Public Works Power Plant, and Jibon River Power Plant, all in El Salvador, and he also worked for the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond from 42-43.

His Army career began in 1944 in San Francisco, and was followed with an assignment to the ETO with the Third Infantry Division. This trip was under slightly different conditions than when he was six years of age, and ended after he had been wounded in France and again in Germany.

As a pastime, Luis designs plastic houses on a small scale and model airplanes. He speaks French, Spanish, and English. Photography is his chief hobby, but he leaves colored pictures and movies to those who prefer them.

He looks the perfect example of the Latin gentleman, with a small mustache and dark serious eyes which twinkle as he claims his favorite Latin piece is "Jealousy."

Luis plans to continue his engineering in the Bay Area after his hospitalization.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

To the strains of "Lohengrin," "Alf" Starkes takes leave from the Finance Office to bestow his name on Alice Van Valer, a resident of San Jose. Our best wishes and happiness to you both.

Jean Jamieson (attractive red-head) recently discharged from the WACs and performing her duties on ward S-1 is beaming these days as she makes plans for her home trip to Miami, Florida. No doubt there will be a big home welcoming in the offing.

Greetings and farewells took place most of last week for the girls in the Dental Branch. Making their departures were Idella Kotler and her Army dentist husband, now a civilian. The two are motoring to their home town in New Jersey.

After an indefinite vacation to give her time to get acquainted with her new horse (a birthday present!) Josephin Alessi will continue with her dental work for a civilian dentist in San Jose.

A much needed rest takes Barbara King to her home in Santa Rosa. We look forward to a visit from her now and then.

The latest addition to the operative section of the Dental Clinic is Gay Cuyoube, of French descent, and a native daughter of California.

Cupid hovers over the Orthopedic Section, and this week the engagement of Lorraine Rock is being announced.

Grant's Pass, Oregon is the favorite spot of Betty Strunk, Reconditioning Section. She is spending her vacation with her family and visiting with her many friends.

Sunday was a great day for Bob Bement, Hospital Police and Personnel, as he patiently waited the arrival of his mother and father from Montana, who will be guests for a few months.

Visiting with her son is the incentive for Sophie Biehl, Laundry, to leave Tuesday evening for Washington. She will vacation there for three weeks.

Also taking leave from the Laundry are Mary Amatori and Tina Tinti. Many miles will be covered as they eagerly head for Italy to visit with their grandmother.

A gentleman is a wolf with his ears pinned back.

MEET LT. MIRIAM JOHNSON AND HEAR ALL ABOUT TOOTIE MAE



Lieutenant MIRIAM JOHNSON
Physical Therapist and Softball Star

Lt. Miriam Johnson, physical therapist at Letterman, who came here in June when Bushnell General Hospital closed, is filled with enthusiasm for her work. Her duties are with the amputee patients, and from all reports the patients are equally enthusiastic about Lieutenant Johnson. They just can't resist that sparkling smile and charming manner.

Her work includes pre-prosthetic training for the amputees, and teaching the use of the prosthetic appliances after the patient has been fitted. A special clinic has been set up in the gym, and this is headquarters for the firm of Johnson, Johnson, Philips & Tootie Mae.

Those extra names belong to Miriam's co-workers, Lt. Dorothy Johnson and Lt. Champe Philips, both physical therapists, and Tootie Mae is their co-owned model A Ford. She's entitled to a partnership in the firm because she's a one-vehicle motor pool for the amputees, taking them from the gym to the Brace Shop and back. Besides,

she has a background of special service, having brought the three girls without mishap from Brigham City, Utah, to San Francisco when Bushnell closed.

When asked if it was a case of Tootie Mae or may not, Miriam admitted that it could be, but said that so far there'd been no 'may not' about it. Faithful Tootie Mae also conveys the trio to and from their living quarters at Dante Annex.

Miriam is from New Washington, Ohio, and was a physical education major at Ohio Wesleyan University. She received her training in physical therapy at Walter Reed Hospital and at Bushnell, and entered the Army in October, 1944.

Miriam reports that she's been having a wonderful time in San Francisco—"it's such a gay city." She says all her off duty hobbies are sports—softball, basketball, swimming and golf. She's a member of Letterman's currently unbeaten softball team. Says she likes dancing, too. Yes, she's single. Did you ever see her slide?

MORE ABOUT EDUCATORS PRAISE

(Continued from Page 1)

used as a criterion, professors everywhere are having a good time teaching veteran students. Speaking for the Berkeley institution, Myron Krueger, state-wide coordinator of Veterans Affairs for the University, said the veterans are doing "significantly" better work because they "apply themselves assiduously" to the task at hand. "Members of the faculty have never enjoyed their teaching so much at the present time with large numbers of veterans in their classes. It is a group of students that the Nation can look to for the highest return on its investment in education."

Several schools in replying to the survey observed that veterans who had attended college before the war are doing better work today. G. D. Barahal, veterans' coordinator at Stanford University, informed the VA that two students who attended Stanford prior to the war were disqualified for poor scholarship. After discharge from the service, they were reinstated and are now doing "at least B work." The University of California at Santa Barbara concluded that service with the armed forces "cured the Nation's youth of much of their lack of purpose which was so evident in the high school graduate before 1941."

Some schools offered reasons for the better scholastic showing of veterans. U.C.L.A. said that handicapped veterans have a great determination to succeed in spite of their disabilities, while veterans as a whole benefit from "much more careful behind-the-scenes supervision by VA, the University and by the faculty." The University of Arizona pointed to the fact that "the veteran is older and probably more settled."

Among other comments by schools answering the VA survey is this observation by Raymond T. Feely, Dean of the Faculties at the University of San Francisco: "Even the oldest and most rigorous markers of the faculty have had to break down their traditional attitude with regard to A's and B's and reward the industry of these young men (veterans). In the many years that I have been attached to this institution, I have never seen such consistently fine marks."

Star-Gazing

When Columbia advertised for a technical expert for a safe-cracking job for Humphrey Bogart's new picture "Dead Reckoning," they got a lot of replies—all but one from ex-servicemen who reported that they had served on demolition squads. The one exception wrote from San Quentin, saying he'd be available if they could hold up the assignment for another year, and he hoped they could, because it would give him a new start!

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How to save money on long-distance phone calls: Larry Parks, in Hollywood, communicates with his wife, who is in New York, by means of a weekly record, and she responds via record. They tell each other all the news, and find the platter-chat-ter a lot less expensive than phone calls. This probably means that letter-writing is definitely obsolete in Hollywood now.

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Pat O'Brien gives St. Christopher medals to his friends with a card which reads "Good for anything up to 45 miles an hour."

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They filmed some of the scenes of "Katie for Congress," the locale of which is Minnesota, on a ranch in Petaluma. All the ranch buildings were painted red and with white trim for the picture, and a grove of trees indigenous to Minnesota were specially planted. Maybe it would have been simpler for the company to have gone to Minnesota on location, instead of creating the atmosphere in California?

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John Hoyt, who makes his screen bow in Paramount's "O.S.S.," advises his business friends to insure everything in their offices except the clocks. The employees will watch that, he says.

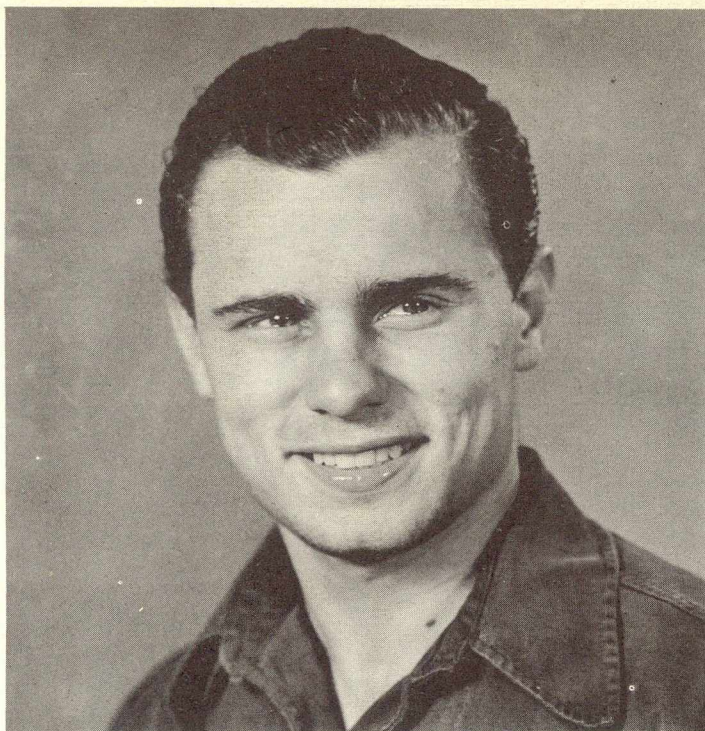
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Virginia Field introduces a new fashion note in "The Perfect Marriage," wearing earrings and dress buttons made of—of all things—gold safety pins.

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When you're "done in oils" in Hollywood, it's not always for a portrait. When Virginia Mayo got rained on in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," her wool jersey dress shrank five inches above her knees. Result: A duplicate dress was supplied and drench in oil instead of water. This gave the wet look without the shrinking.

KLGH RADIO SINGER'S SLOGAN IS "YOU NAME IT—I'LL SING IT!"



Pfc. BOB ALLEN WOLF
Hear him every day on station KLGH

Bob Allen Wolf always liked to sing, and after meeting Gene Autry at the Texas Centennial in 1936, he decided the singing would be strictly western. Going back to New Orleans to drive a truck for the pickle works was not exactly, you might think, the way to get started on that project. But one day, parked at the curb, and singing to himself, Bob was overheard by Roy Schaeffer, who for 25 years was known in New Orleans as the Lone Star Cowboy. Roy came over and asked Bob if he'd like an audition.

The preliminary hurdle was an amateur show at the Star Theatre. If Bob got top honors, he'd have a chance to sing on radio station WNOE. He made it, and was featured on WNOE and later on WWL, largest station in New Orleans. Bob is now a patient here, and is heard daily at 4:15 over Letterman's station KLGH, singing and playing the guitar.

In the interval since his first radio job, Bob was inducted into the Army, and his stint in the Medical Corps included a lot of travel—to Army camps in Texas, Kansas, Missouri and California, and assign-

ments on two hospital ships, the "Thistle" and the "Acadia." The ships were in both the Pacific and the European Theatres, and Bob's assignment was Special Services. He's been at Oakland Army Base since February, and has been a patient at Letterman since July.

He's full of plans for the future. When he gets out of the Army, which he says will be in a month or so, he intends to take off for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he and a friend will engage in the trucking business long enough to accumulate sufficient folding money to organize an eight-piece band. Starting point for the band will be LA one way or the other—LA for Los Angeles, or LA for Louisiana, Bob's native state.

He has recently written lyrics and music for a song which has proved very popular on his program, "I'll Be Here When You Return." He says he welcomes requests and fan mail (either pro or con) for his program on KLGH, and that his slogan is "You name it—I'll sing it!"

His repertoire includes westerns, sentimental songs and mountain ballads. For professional appearances, he drops the Wolf, and is known as Bob Allen.

Anything For A Laugh

Bobby: "Pop, what is woman's intuition?"

Father: "Son, I think it's about three-fourths suspicion."

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A good line is the shortest distance between two dates.

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"Say, do you realize you have your wedding ring on the wrong finger?"

"Yes. I married the wrong man."

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"Why so melancholy?"

"My girl rejected me last night."

"Well, cheer up. There are plenty more girls."

"Yes, I know. But I feel so sorry for her."

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The dean of a college was investigating a charge made by some of the girls that the men who lived in the fraternity house next door forgot to lower their shades.

The dean looked out of the sorority window and said: "Why, I can't see into any of the fraternity house windows."

"Oh, yes, you can," chorused the girls. "All you have to do is get up on a chair."

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Joe: "How do you like your job as salesman?"

Jim: "Oh fine. You meet some swell fellows at the hotels and have lots of fun in the evenings, but what I don't like is calling on all those store managers"

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He: "Eevery time I kiss you it makes me a better man."

She: "Well, don't try to win a halo in one night."

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The sailor said to the waitress: "I'd like a couple of hard-boiled eggs to take out."

"All right," she replied, "but you'll have to wait. Mamie and I don't get off until 10."

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Lawyer (for motor accident victim): "Gentlemen of the jury, the driver of the car stated that he was going only four miles an hour. Think of it! The long agony of my poor unfortunate client, the victim, as the car drove slowly over his body."

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After looking over the native women on a South Pacific Island, a sailor turned to his buddy and asked: "Is it absolutely necessary that we have one in every port?"

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Que' es esto? Spanish On The Air, a new program starting next week. Learn to speak Spanish in ? easy lessons. Mrs. Irene Bushrey, teacher at High School of Commerce, who has been tutoring patients on the wards during the summer months, will give introductory instructions as to the use of the booklets that accompany the records that will be broadcast over KLGH. Those interested in beginning Spanish may obtain the necessary booklets at the Reconditioning office.

Luis Serpas, patient, whom you may have already heard singing Latin-American songs over KLGH will be a feature of the program.

2. Learn to play! An instrument, that is. See Miss Baken at Reconditioning and let her help you decide on the musical instrument for you. Or would you rather sing? She'll also tell you all about the LGH Chorus.

3. If interest to patients who do NOT have a high school diploma and would like to secure a college education is the following statement of policy of the California State Dept. of Education—10 January 1946, "The principal of any junior college may, notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary and in accordance with such rules as the governing board of the district maintaining the junior college may adopt, admit to the junior college any person who has served in the active military service of the U. S. or the State of Calif., for at least 90 days during a war with any foreign power or during any period of national emergency declared by the President of the U. S."

California has MANY junior colleges—you need only select the part of the state where you would prefer to live and can find living quarters. California junior colleges are not to be confused with Eastern "Prep" schools. These junior colleges are fully accredited state schools of college level. You can attend a J. C. one or two years and then transfer to a university or college like the University of California or Stanford where you will receive full college credit for all of your junior college work—providing,

THE NEW "ESQUIRE" GIRL



On her way to decorate future pages of "Esquire" magazine is the glamour-girl from the drooling-board (oops! drawing-board) of Fritz Willis of Hollywood. He calls her the date-up girl of the post-war world, claims she will replace the pin-up.

of course, that you receive acceptable grades.

The Reconditioning Office (Bldg. 1039) has catalogs from some 40-odd California junior colleges—plus an extensive file on other California schools (trade, technical, business, etc.) and out-of-state schools.

4. Reconditioning has a new volunteer instructor from the San Francisco schools, Miss Louise Weidberg. Miss Weidberg will tutor patients in mechanical drawing, art, and American History. If interested, sign up in Reconditioning Office; if you are a bed patient, have the nurse or Gray Lady phone in your name and ward . . . (phone 4403).

5. Patients and Staff members of Ward F-2 will be interested in

excerpts from a letter received from an old-time Letterman Reconditioning Alumnus — Pvt. Bruce Tso.

Pvt. Tso was transferred to the Vets Administration Facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from whence comes the following — "Sorry to be so long in notifying you about the diploma I received some time ago. You really don't know how happy I was; especially when it came along with my Army discharge certificate. I appreciate each and everyone of the Reconditioning personnel for you had made this diploma possible for me . . . I am doing very satisfactorily here at my new location, in fact, I am up and around. Best regards to everyone at Letterman."



Sgt. Mervin J. Hartman

Just what's wrong with the Yankees?

During Spring training, the club burned up the grapefruit circuit. In conceding the pennant to the Bronx Bombers, the "experts" figured that the one possible weak link in the Yankee line-up could be their mound staff. Spud Chandler was the only twirler who had proven his mettle against the pre-war sluggers. After him—well, that was the big question mark!

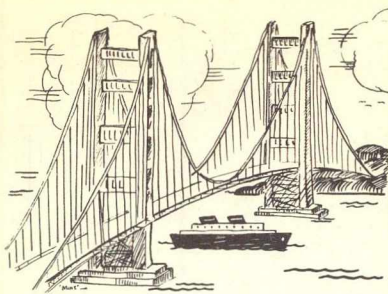
The New Yorkers' fielding ability was an established fact. Wasn't this the same team that had set new defensive records and had dominated the junior loop for so long a time that the cry "break up the Yankees!" echoed throughout the land. This part couldn't miss.

What about the Yankee offense? With fellows like Joe DiMaggio, Charlie Keller, Johnny Lindell, Aaron Robinson, Joe Gordon and Nick Etten terrorizing opposing hurlers—here was the last and least worry. Why DiMaggio and Keller were easily .325 hitters and any member of the team was capable of breaking up a tight game by belting one out of the park.

On paper the club looked like the murderous Yanks of old. However, a look at the standings shows the fiery Hose from Boston setting the pace—the Yanks a poor second. And it is the general consensus that if the team continues to play their present brand of ball, they will eventually wind up at the tail end of the first division.

With the season past that half-way mark, the team is far below the cellar-dwelling Athletics in the batting table. Outside of Charlie Keller, the club has an average of "hitting" in the low .200s.

The puzzling question among fans throughout the country is: "What happened to the once vaunted Yankee attack?" There is no doubt that the extensive pre-season trip through Panama took its toll. The team returned to the States in mid-season condition, too far ahead of any training schedule. Whether this mistake will be repeated next year remains to be seen, but it aptly explains the entire situation.



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Medical School Graduates Offered Army Internships

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Army Surgeon General, announced that there are 83 First Lieutenant reserve commissions available for 1947 Medical School graduates who desire internships in Army hospitals.

Along with the commission goes an annual salary of \$3,404 if the officer has dependents. If he has no dependents, he will receive \$2,972 a year. These figures include a rental allowance of \$60 monthly where government quarters are not furnished.

The commissions represent an unprecedented departure from former Army practice when interns were classified as civilian employees and received about \$1,000 annually while completing their fifth, or clinical, year of study. With some 90,000 patients in Army hospitals the world over and prospects of a large peacetime Army, the Army Medical Department is seeking young doctors interested in a career in military medicine.

In the event that a man who receives a reserve commission does not elect to remain in the Army following his internship or does not develop to meet requirements for Army doctors, his training will not be lost. This internship, the conventional rotating type, is recognized by the Council on Medical Boards of Registration. They require the clinical year of training before granting a license to practice.

In notifying Deans of accredited medical schools of the plan, The Surgeon General asked that they recommend men that will not only be desirable as interns, but who will



Captain ERNESTINE L. STEPHENSON
Leaving for overseas duty in Germany

ultimately develop as Regular Army medical officers. A professional examination will not be required before the internship is accepted.

Applications may be submitted by students through the Deans of their respective schools. Each applicant who qualifies will be notified. Application blanks may be obtained from the Deans of medical schools.

Each applicant must be a United States citizen, a prospective 1947

graduate of a recognized school of medicine approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, must be not over 30 years of age on July 1, 1947, have no commitment to accept an internship appointment in any other institution and must meet physical standards for appointment in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army. Physical qualifications are printed in Army Regulation 40-105.

Capt. Stephenson, WAC Commander, Going Overseas

Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson, WAC, who has been the commanding officer of the WAC detachment at Letterman ever since its activation here, this week received orders that will carry her to Germany for a tour of overseas duty.

Captain Stephenson is a native of Berkeley and a graduate of the University of California. She enrolled in what was then the WAAC on October 1, 1942 and took basic training at Des Moines followed by a course at the Administrative Specialists School. Early in 1943 she went to OCS and emerged a second lieutenant. In September of the same year she was upped to first lieutenant.

Recruiting duty in Arizona was one of her early assignments and then she settled down for a whole year as commanding officer of the Physical Therapy School at Stanford University. In September 1944 she was transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco and served as Adjutant there until she came to Letterman in April 1945. She became Captain Stephenson on 28 August 1945 and received the Army Commendation Ribbon this spring.

Captain Stephenson administered her office as WAC detachment commander in a manner that reflected great credit on the Woman's Army Corps and developed the personnel of her command into one of our most valuable assets. She takes with her the good wishes of everyone here for a happy tour overseas.

Letterman Patients Enjoy "Sightseers' Club" Jaunts

Letterman's "Sightseers' Club" is made up of patients who aren't content to while away their hospital time right on the post, but who want to take advantage of the opportunity to see what's to be seen around and about San Francisco.

Weekly trips are scheduled on Thursday afternoons, and buses leave the Recreation Center at 1:30 for an afternoon of diversion.

The patients themselves decide which of the local points of interest they want to look over, and occasionally they take advantage of a special invitation, such as the one a couple of weeks ago to see a preview of the new Universal Technicolor picture, "Canyon Passage." Not only did they see the picture, but they were entertained beforehand at a luncheon at the Press Club.

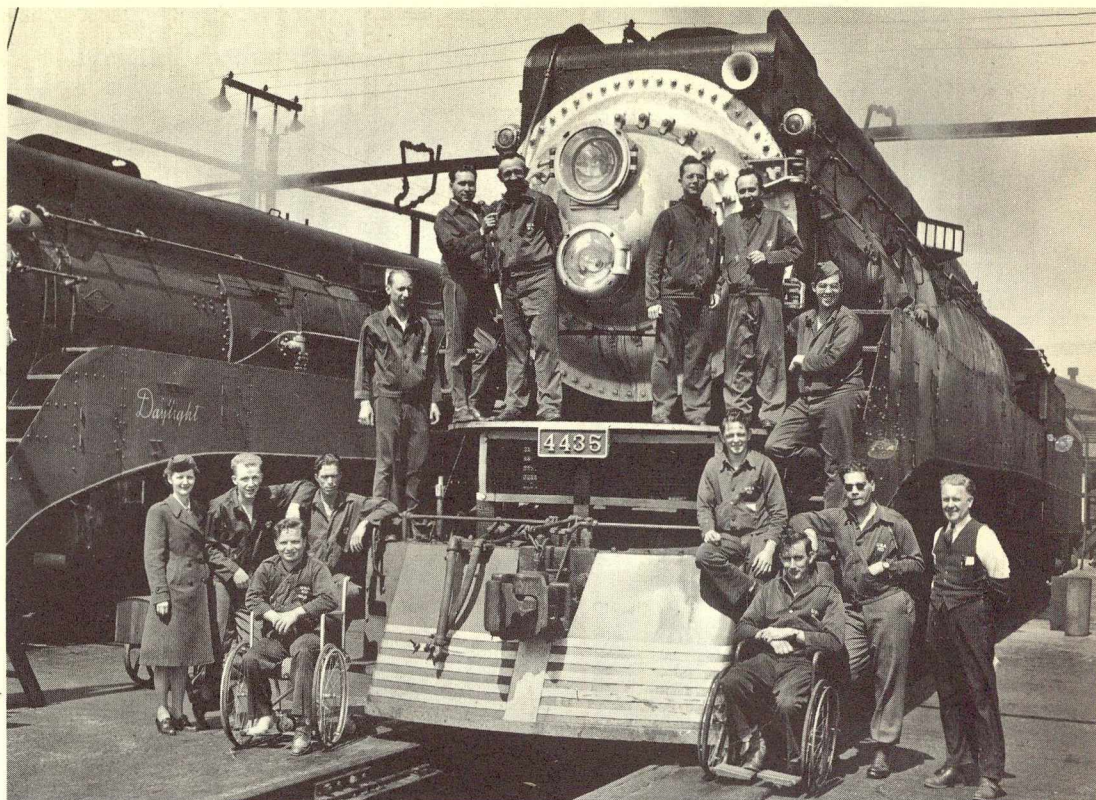
Another recent trip that rated high on the list of spots seen so far was an afternoon at Treasure Island, with the Navy as host. After seeing what goes on on the Island, the patients were taken to the clubhouse for all the beer they could drink and all the sandwiches they could consume.

The trip to the Southern Pacific roundhouse (see picture on this page) was a field day for the railroad fans, and the others enjoyed it a lot too. Another day the group visited the San Francisco Stock Exchange to see another kind of wheels go round.

Last week the "Sightseers" took in Hunter's Point and learned how to repair ships, or so they say.

Two other recent trips that probably will be right at the top of the club's list are the ones to Acme Brewery and to a distillery. After seeing the inner workings of the plants they were treated to samples of the stock on hand, and at the distillery the samples were 150 proof. As if anyone needed proof in a case like that!

If men can be made to understand that society, with its rigid codes and stratifications, is in its confused infancy rather than in the apex of its development; if they can be made to understand that the conflicts and contradictions of society can only be resolved by scientific long-range planning—then we will succeed in maintaining what civilization we have and drive onward to greater culture. —A. M. Meerloo.



SIGHTSEERS' CLUB

Members swarm over the big engine after their tour of the Southern Pacific roundhouse.

General Scowden Receives Decoration

Major General Frank F. Scowden, former deputy Quartermaster General of the Army, now a Letterman patient received an award this week from Great Britain for his services to the British Army during the war. The award was that of Honorary Companion of the Military Division of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, and was presented to General Scowden by Cyril H. Cane, British Consul General, at the latter's residence, 2606 Pacific Avenue.

General Scowden, who was graduated from West Point in 1910, was made Brigadier General in 1940, and went to Washington as deputy Quartermaster General. In 1942 he was promoted to the rank of Major General, and was sent to England. He was on duty with G-5 division at General Eisenhower's headquarters in England, France and Germany, and had the responsibility of supplying and planning the economic rehabilitation of the liberated countries on the Continent.

He was relieved from duty in the European Theatre in July 1945 and went to Manila as senior military

member of the foreign liquidation commission. This commission was charged with the disposition of Army and Navy surplus property in the Pacific Area. Since General Scowden's return from the Philippines in May 1946 he has been a patient at Letterman.

The citation accompanying the British award stated that General Scowden, "possessing great experience in supply matters, tact, wisdom and foresight, has accomplished what lay within the power of few. His services to the British Army have been as outstanding as those to the United States Armies. The present satisfactory situation in liberated territories as regards supplies is largely due to his work. General Scowden has rendered outstanding service to the British Empire."

General Scowden was in France during World War I with the Motor Transport Corps. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Legion of Honor of France. His wife is the former Dorothy Kincaid

Sanitary Corps To Be Given New Responsibilities

Vital responsibilities in the postwar Medical Department will rest squarely on the shoulders of Sanitary Corps officers in the postwar planning of Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General.

The brilliant record set by some 3,000 Sanitary Corps officers during the war in maintaining the healthiest Army in the world has assured them definite professional status in the Medical Department. In the first integration announced last month, Sanitary Corps officers were offered Regular Army commission in the Pharmacy Corps.

Several Sanitary Corps officers were among the 503 officers recently commissioned. Additional outstanding veteran officers of World War II medical service and others will be appointed in the future peacetime Army. At present there are approximately 1,600 Sanitary Corps officers on active duty status.

Curtis of Alameda, and their home is at 1320 St. Charles Street, Alameda.

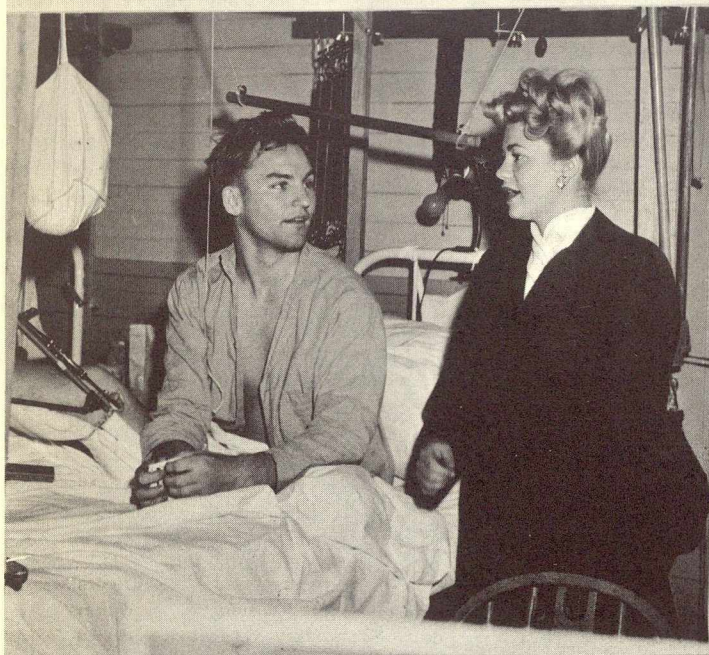
Indoor and Out with the Camera Eye at Letterman



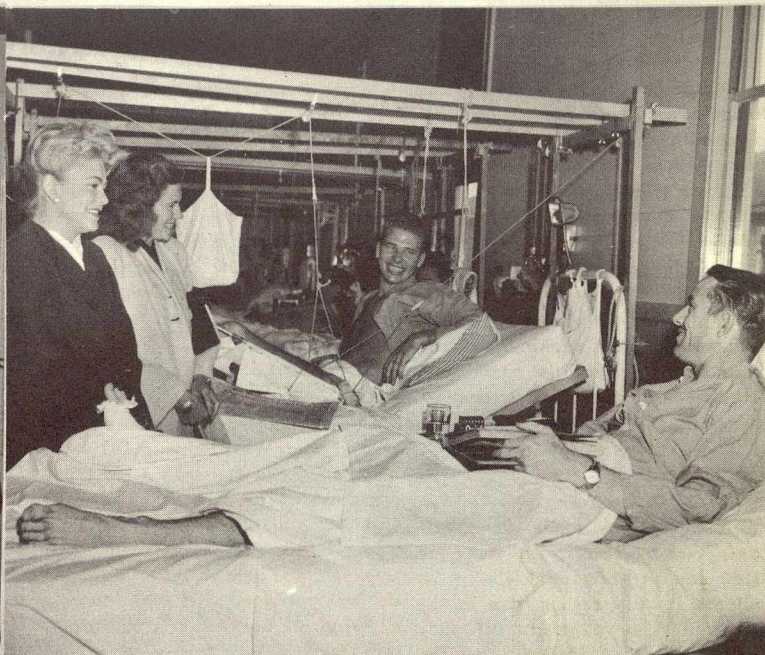
KLGH announces Eddie Oliver and his band from the Mark Hopkins, playing in the patio.



Lettermanites ate long and often at this Tilden Park picnic.



Plumas County Mineral Queen visits the wards.



The Queen and the runner-up talk to the "Kindergarten Wolf" and his pal.

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EDITORIAL

MAN-SIZE JOB

The Army in peace-time has a vastly different function than it has during hostilities. Today, the peace-time soldier has a goal of service and protection, rather than combat and destruction.

It's a man-sized job facing that soldier. For some reason, the work of creation is a lot harder than destruction. It takes longer to build up than it does to tear down.

The first essential in doing our peace-time job well is to inspire confidence and respect. To achieve that, a GI must not only be a good soldier—he must look like one.

The Army today offers higher pay and more advantages than any Army in the history of mankind. The men who are members of that Army should reflect, in their dress and in their bearing, a justifiable pride in the uniform they wear.

It is a question of individual cooperation. One sloppily-dressed soldier, careless in his attitude and neglectful of common courtesy, can do more harm to the reputation of the Army as a whole than any number of spoken or written words can undo.

It's time to make a concerted effort to maintain a reputation won the hard way. The whole world knows the ability of our Army in combat. It's up to each of us now to demonstrate, through an alert attitude, a careful adherence to



Some changes in the "Front Office" with Colonel Brown S. McClintic, M.C., relieved as Deputy Commander in anticipation of retirement. Colonel Kermit H. Gates, M.C. taking over as Executive Officer, and Lieut. Colonel William Beswick, MAC., becomes the Adjutant in succession to Major Lee Inman, MAC., who left for the Separation Center at Camp Beale. Captain Alfred L. Taro, Jr., has been relieved as aide to the commanding general and assigned to duty as assistant adjutant.

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The War Department Manpower Board swinging the "yard stick" around these parts for the past week. They are not really "Hatchet Men."

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Major John M. Gracie, P.C., out here from the office of the Surgeon General to assist in the reception of a large group of foreign friends.

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Colonel James P. Cooney, M.C., back from Bikini and the big bomb burst, tarrying here over night en route to Walter Reed General Hospital for his new station.

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Lieut. Rogers Cox, Separation Chief, getting ready for a busy week end in his section.

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Our good friend, Mr. H. L. "Pop" Loomis over at the Army "Y" finally taking off for a well earned vacation.

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Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Out-patient Chief, meeting up with old buddies from Burma.

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A long week end ahead—but not for the military personnel.

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An original radio play by John Miller, manager of Letterman's radio station, KLGH, titled "The Laughing God," will be on the air over KLGH next week. Date: Tuesday, September 3; time: 8:30 p. m.

courtesy, and a serious concept of ourselves as soldiers, that the job of peace is in good hands.—The A. & N. Bugle.



Lieut. Ann Vischansky is out of the hospital and back to duty, much to the delight of her many friends.

Roses and orchids to Capt. Edith Mercer, and Lieuts. Violet Klein and Joan Feast for a very speedy recovery. If get-well wishes could make you healthy, you'd be in tip-top shape. But maybe it will be a morale-booster to know that friends are impatiently awaiting to hear the good news that you will be back with them soon.

Lieut. Ruth Olson's great elation is due to her receiving her orders for P.O.E. San Francisco for ship duty.

Lieut. Kathleen King is different! She's spending her ten-day leave in San Francisco!

Leaving the fog for the windy city is Lieut. Muriel Stark who will trek home to Illinois for her leave beginning September 1st.

Wedding bells are being heard by Lieut. Mary Rose, whose April engagement will terminate when she becomes Mrs. Ralph Thiel on September 18th. During her 15-day leave, Lieut. Rose will be married in St. Agnes Chapel in Covington, Kentucky. She will put aside her nurse's uniform for a long white satin gown on that eventful day. Her husband, an ex-infantryman who has seen over two years of action in the Pacific, is employed in his hometown, Covington, and the couple will eventually make their home there.

Conspicuous by her absence is Lieut. Mary Isobelle Paine of the Physical Therapy Department, who is having a wonderful time in the mountains with her family while on leave this week.

Lieut. Wilma Sledge, head dietitian now on temporary duty in Brooke General Hospital writes that the Texas weather is more than warm. She said, regarding her special dietetics course, "School was never like this!" There will be a warm welcome awaiting her when she returns to Letterman around the end of next month.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 1, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Fifty-Two Twenty

More than half the 1,700,000 veterans receiving readjustment allowances for unemployment have been on the rolls less than eight consecutive weeks, the Veterans Administration estimated this week.

In California, where 96,775 veterans drew unemployment compensation for the week ending July 13, an estimated 70.5 percent has drawn less than ten consecutive payments.

The estimates are based on a nationwide survey conducted by the VA in cooperation with the state unemployment compensation agencies which actually make the payments to unemployed veterans under the GI Bill. Over 1,200,00 case files were examined.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of others, but to get ahead of ourselves—to break our own records, to outstrip our yesterdays by our today, to do work with more force than ever before. **Stewart B. Johnson.**

The discipline which makes the soldiers of a free country reliable in battle is not to be gained by harsh or tyrannical treatment. On the contrary, such treatment is far more likely to destroy than to make an army. It is possible to give commands in such a manner as to inspire an intense desire to obey; while the opposite manner cannot fail to excite a strong resentment and a desire to disobey. The one mode or the other springs from a corresponding spirit in the breast of the commander. He who feels the respect which is due to others cannot fail to inspire in them regard for himself, while he who feels disrespect toward others . . . cannot fail to inspire hatred against himself.—Major Gen. J. M. Schofield.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BARBARA ANN STRAUS
Technician Third Grade

The last but by no means least WAC to be interviewed by yours truly is T/3 Barbara Ann Straus, who should be termed somewhat of a "genius." Should she cringe from this term, let us say she is most extraordinary.

Barbara graduated from Cornell University at the tender age of 20 after majoring in psychology. During one of her summer terms she worked in a mental institution to further enlighten herself on the complicated problems of the mind. She not only looks at you, she can see through you as well!

A brief resume of her military career discloses that she took her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, where she attended Surgical Technician's School. From there she was assigned to Barnes General Hospital in Washington and spent several months at Camp Beale as a psychiatric social worker and vocational counselor. Letterman was gifted by her presence on June 1946, and she was immediately assigned to act as social worker in wards S-1 and S-2.

Not only has the girl brains, but a combination of God blessed beauty and personality as well! This was recognized in her early days of high school, which led her to be cast in movies the students produced and directed. Her hobby is dramatics, and should she ever take it up seriously, the Greer Garsons and Hedy Lamarrs of Hollywood would really be given some competition!

Although Barbara's home is in Kansas City, Missouri, she was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will live in New York City when she is relieved of duty here. This metropolis has our girl wondering how life will be amid such a huge mass of civilization, but she'll probably be so busy studying at Columbia University, she'll not realize the size of her surroundings.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

From C-2 we receive news that Albert Nicholson is spending his 45 day furlough fishing in Sacramento and Los Angeles. Fishing in Los Angeles??? Blondes, maybe?? No, couldn't be... Mrs. Nicholson is accompanying him!

Frank Soto, also of C-2 is returning to Oakland to find that lost weekend. . . . He and Chung Hoy returned to the ward with giggling amnesia. Yipe! What a combination!

Norman Scheu of ward 2 was observed receiving a knit khaki sweater from a very pretty young civilian. Said he, "Just for me!" And holding it up, "It's large enough for both of us to get into!"

What happened to ward C-1 this week? Taking on a morgue-like appearance, the ward is lined on either side with patients laid out! Sleeping sickness coming to Letterman?

Norris Schwarz of E-2 had an audience similar to those seen at excavating sites when he had a haircut on the ward this week. He took it all in his stride, however, and showed no signs of stage fright.

Ira Landerman of E-2 has an office-appearing area around his hospital bunk as he sits in front of his typewriter with great dignity and punches those keys like a veteran. That T-square and Spanish book add to the busy atmosphere.

Ask Albert Jeffries of D-2 why his 3-day pass cost him an unexpected \$50.00. After at least five years of Army routine, do you mean to say he still doesn't know there are rules and regulations? Oh, my!

The story told by Ed Yount and their trek to Russian River where they encountered Orientals speaking Spanish makes one wonder how many thirsty detours they took on the way up there. Of course that half-tone sunburn, which only covers the left side of Ed's face doesn't quite cinch our convictions! Oh, no!

Samuel Pascal of A-2 became quite disillusioned with women after an experience with one he picked up at the Cliff House! Myrtle, the Turtle, she was known as. After feeding her for three weeks, Sam went on leave, accompanied by Myrtle, only to have Myrtle disappear. He returned muttering, "That's gratitude!" However,

a telegram brought the glad tidings that Moitle, the toitle, had been visiting next door neighbors, and would once again eat from his hand if he would forgive all.

"Night and Day" is the theme song for the little bridge games that are played in the dayroom of A-2. The fiends for the Culbertson-Blackwood system are Cecil Schubert, Robert Nichols, Samuel Pascal, Charles Thompson, Jack Riley, and Wilburn Miller. The champs are which gruesome twosome?

Are you wondering where Ed Seifert of ward 14 is? The halls are slightly less fascinating without his vivacious personality. The lucky man is on a 60-day furlough, and only heaven knows what is going on in San Jose now that he is visiting that area. Last time Ed had a few days off, he went into the second-hand automobile business . . . and at that time he only had a week . . . but 60 days can bring forth a multitude of sins!

Wanta buy a dog??? Better yet, if you want a dog, you'll have a chance to win a pedigreed pup which will be raffled off to patients only on September 15th. There will be a grand dog show to be staged on the Letterman parade grounds, sponsored by the Northern California Collie Club, the Standard Schnauzer Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club. Prizes and ribbons are offered in all classes, and you dog fanciers will have a chance to see purebred champions by the hundreds. For you who are momentarily bedridden, the ward loud-speaker will give you a play-by-play description of the gala event.

A stern-faced woman walked up to the little boy she caught smoking. "Young man," she said, "does your mother know you smoke?"

"Lady," he replied, "does your old man know you stop and talk to strange men on the streets?"

A tired business man arrived home. The cook had left that morning without giving notice. He had lost a lot of money on the stock market. His wife had left a farewell note. His car had burned up that day. He decided to end all his troubles with one shot. . . . So he opened the bottle and took one.

ON THE SPOT



BETTE BYERS
T/4 Grade

The time has come to put Sgt. Bette Byers of the Fog Horn staff "On the Spot," because she is now about to get "off the spot" as far as Army life is concerned.

Like that well-known bolt from the blue (the kind that gives you the blues) came the news that Bette is leaving next week for the green fields of civilian life.

She had to make a quick decision—either to leave now or sign up to stay until June 1947, and since her plans called for getting out of the Army long before June, she made the first choice.

A lot of plans are churning around in that curly head and making those blue eyes thoughtful. She may occupy her time with any one of a number of activities, ranging from her former occupation of private secretary to fashion modeling. Whatever she chooses, she'll be the well-dressed gal for the part, because most of her time on a recent three-day pass was spent in that pastime ever dear to the feminine heart—shopping for clothes.

Bette will be much missed not only in the Fog Horn office but all over the hospital. First thing on her civilian program is a month's leisure, which will take her from Carmel to Santa Barbara. She's promised to come back and see us often, and we shall be looking forward to seeing the Byers glamour in colours other than o.d. Knowing some of her ambitions for the future, we feel confident that we'll also be seeing her one of these days in print. With her go our best wishes for success and a happy future.

A worried mother telephoned the local hospital:

"My son says in a letter that he is coming home with a hashmark. Is that serious?"

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bon voyage wishes to Alice Curtis of the Letterman Post Exchange as she leaves the cosmetic counter and takes up the life of a sailor. Alice will go to New York to board a Moore-McCormick cargo ship for Buenos Aires, South Africa, India, and ultimately China, where she plans to settle in Shanghai.

Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, had some hectic days last week when she parted with a tooth at the dentists and experienced complications. Now that she's feeling much better, Helen is off the soup diet.

Annette Fellar leaves the Registrar's Office after a year to occupy a new desk in the office of ward S-1.

A lazy day in the sun was the ideal way "Wally" Fruit, night janitor, and his wife enjoyed the weekend visiting with friends in San Jose.

Dorothy Sniffin returned to the Occupational Therapy Section after three weeks spent attending a convention in Chicago with many new ideas to spring on the OTs.

Librarian Leah Frisbee hides away in San Leandro for a few days' relaxation, while Mary Frew returns from a grand weekend at Paradise Valley.

Georgia Power, dental X-ray technician, departed for her three-week's vacation which will take her to Carmel, Santa Barbara, Lake Arrowhead, Catalina, and her destination, Mexico.

A hearty welcome to Pauline Daniels, who came to the Letterman Library via Camp Roberts, Hamilton Field, and Crissy Field.

Anita Chapman changes from blue scenery to khaki as she joins the happy group in the Dental Clinic. She was formerly with the Navy, and now commutes daily from South San Francisco.

That pet white mouse which has been frightening all the pretty girls around Letterman belongs to Jerry McClintic. It was so harmless, too!

"Brothers and sisters," said the preacher, "the subject of my sermon today is 'liars.' But before I begin I have a question: 'How many of you read the 69th chapter of St. Matthew?'"

Nearly every hand went up.

"You are the people I'm preaching to," he said. "There is no such chapter."

"THE HOSPITAL WITH A SOUL" IS PROUD OF ERMA CHRISTIANSEN



Mrs. ERMA CHRISTIANSEN
... picked California

This is about Erma Christiansen, who in the nine months that her husband, Lt. Donald Christiansen, has been a patient at Letterman, has become a well-known figure around the hospital. She is no casual visitor on Ward B-1—she is there every day, from noon until 9 p.m., assisting the nurses in the care of her husband, changing his dressings, and doing her utmost to make his days cheerful.

She insists that she isn't doing anything "that any wife wouldn't do," and talks enthusiastically about "Chris's wonderful spirit. He cheers other people up," she says.

Erma is from the island of Newfoundland, the British Dominion in the Atlantic. "When people hear that I'm a Newfoundlander, they expect to see an Eskimo. But I've never seen one myself."

She met her husband when he was stationed on Newfoundland, where he spent 20 months. They became engaged, and when he finished Officer's Candidate School,

Erma came to Minnesota, his home state, and they were married. Nine months later, Lt. Christiansen went overseas. When he left, Erma picked California as the place she wanted to live, and came to Santa Monica.

In June 1944, Lt. Christiansen was wounded in France, at the Omaha Beach landing. After five months in an overseas hospital, he was flown to Mitchell Field, N. Y. Erma came to New York immediately, and it was there that she learned how to take care of him, and at once began spending the major part of her time at the hospital. She continued this when he was at DeWitt Hospital at Auburn, California, and she came to San Francisco when he came to Letterman last December.

Lt. Christiansen has undergone 38 operations, and faces a possible four or five more. Recently Erma learned that after his next operation, which will be a leg amputation, he will be permitted to leave the hospital for outside quarters and return here for treatments. The problem now is

Star-Gazing

With just a turn of her head, Jane Greer got a coveted movie role recently. Of course in this particular case it was the color that turned—from brunette to golden brown. Jane says she changed it because as a brunette she got only 'hard-boiled roles; with the new hair shade she's to play that ever-favorite of the fans, a "wholesome, American girl."

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It was a very warm day when Myrna Loy was called upon to wear flowing black judicial robes for her role in "The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer." People on the set wondered how she kept cool. She told all. "I'm wearing the briefest bathing suit I have," she said.

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Hollywood stars are accustomed to requests for pin-up pictures, but they had a big surprise recently when a request from a student at Harvard for a full length X-ray picture of Diana Lynn. Seems he was a medical student and wanted to use it as "a pin-up in the study hall." No, the request was not filled.

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Hoagy Carmichael plays the races the economical way. He just spends spare time—listening to broadcasts of horse races. But he doesn't bet. However, his friends bet—on how long it will be before Hoagy starts actually spending money on the pastime.

finding an apartment. Door-to-door searching hasn't turned up anything, and the problem is increased because the apartment must be near the Presidio and on a first floor.

Erma's daily schedule doesn't allow many diversions. "Occasionally I see a stage show," she says. "I got interested in making model airplanes, and now Chris is working in wood carving and makes silver jewelry, too." She wears a distinctive silver bracelet he designed and made. "I do a lot of knitting and crocheting."

Last week Erma was guest of honor on the "Breakfast on Nob Hill" radio program, and was happily surprised to receive several gifts. This week she was invited back to breakfast, and was presented with a specially designed hat made for her by Fay Joyce.

Just saying "an orchid to Erma" doesn't cover this case. She deserves more—an apartment. Any offers?

WAC

All for "free" was the horse-back-riding, swimming, hiking, and dancing at the picnic at Alum Rock Park in San Jose last Sunday. Five bus loads of detachment personnel, with sleep still in their eyes, left at 0830 to escape the San Francisco morning fog for the warmer climate of the Peninsula. Besides indulging in sports, they did pretty well with the ice cold watermelon, picnic lunch, and beverages. Even corn-on-the-cob was plentiful. It was another grand detachment picnic to be scored up with those previously planned by connoisseurs of outdoor gatherings.

It's off to Lake Louise as a civilian for T/5 Alta B. Zee, formerly of the Veteran's Counselling Section. "Zee" left for Camp Beale this week and has had her definite civilian plans for some time.

T/5 Ruth Moore also escaped Letterman and the GI uniform for a cotton frock and the housewifely duties of Mrs. Frank Corbelli of San Francisco. "Red's" vivaciousness around the day room is going to be missed, but definitely.

T/5 Zolly Spanos is showing her little brother from Chicago around San Francisco while he is visiting her. It's his first trip west, and those big eyes and that happy grin is a sure sign that he likes what he sees!

You wouldn't exactly say it's cold in barracks 212, but when the girls remain in the barracks in the evening, they wear their overcoats, and nylons take four days to dry!

The only regret T/5 Cornelia DeVries had during her three-day pass to Los Angeles was that she forgot to sleep on some wedding cake. "Connie" acted as hostess at the reception of her "baby" sister, who was married Friday night, and also spent her time decorating the church, etc. But never will she live down the fact that she ate that piece of cake!

Larry: "What made that red mark on your nose?"

Moe: "Glasses."

Larry: "How many?"

Old lady (after giving quarter to beggar): "You poor man. Are you married?"

Beggar: "No, lady. Do you think I would be relying on total strangers for support if I had a wife?"

FORMER FOOTBALL COACH HEADS RECONDITIONING SERVICE HERE



Lt. Col. JESSE U. PRITCHETT
Chief of Reconditioning Service

"I'm a rebel," says Lt. Col. Jesse U. Pritchett, in soft southern accents that bear out his statement. "I'm from Georgia. But," he adds firmly, "I'm not a rebel who is still fighting the Civil War." After that, it would have been a pretty sure bet that the "U" in his name didn't stand for Ulysses (as in General Grant). It's for Upshaw, and is a family name.

Colonel Pritchett, who is Chief of Reconditioning Service at Letterman, came here in June from Welch Convalescent Hospital in Daytona, Fla. He was in charge of reconditioning at Welch also, and says he finds the program here similar but more extensive.

He was graduated in 1938 from Clemon College in Clemon, South Carolina, where he played on the college football and baseball teams. He then went to the Robert E. Lee Military Institute in Thomaston, Georgia, as head coach and athletic director. He was at the Institute until January 1942, when he came to

active duty in the Army as a first lieutenant.

Graduated from Fort Benning, Georgia, in April 1942, Colonel Pritchett became a member of the faculty of the Infantry School there. In May 1943 he went to South Carolina on airborne maneuvers, and in December of that year went overseas to England with an infantry battalion. In April 1944 he was assigned to duty at Third Army headquarters, and in June 1945 he was sent to the Area Assembly Command as Special Service Officer. Returning to the United States last November, he enjoyed a memorable leave at his home in Griffin, Georgia, after which he went to Welch Convalescent Hospital. He was there until it closed in June.

Shortly after his arrival at Letterman after a five-day trip from Atlanta, Colonel Pritchett's wife, Newell, flew here to join him. "There was a big contrast between her trip from Atlanta and mine," he says. "Mine took five days; hers took 24 hours."

Strength of Our Armed Forces Now Totals 2,500,000

Washington (CNS)—Personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard now totals about 2,500,000 men and women, a drop of about 9,850,000 since V-J Day, according to a recent survey.

The Army's strength, which reached a peak of 8,300,000, was down to 1,715,000 effectives on July 1, the latest date for which figures are available. The Army had demobilized 7,603,000 men and women as of August 16. New enlistments account for the discrepancy.

Although the Army did not meet its demobilization goal of 1,550,000 by July 1, 175,000 were in the demobilization "pipeline" or in hospitals and the Army promises to be down to 1,530,000 by September 1.

The Navy Department stated that its "magic carpet" operation, now completed, had brought back nearly 3,500,000 persons from Pacific areas in time to meet the Navy demobilization deadline of August 20. The Navy, whose top strength reached 3,400,622, had discharged 2,982,462 as of August 17, and its strength on August 14, including new enlistments, was 701,223.

Changes in plans make it impossible for the Navy to shake down to its promised figure of 550,000 men and officers by September 1. These included "pickling" the part of the fleet which is to go into storage, the atomic bomb tests, and care of the wounded.

With the exception of some 5,000 medical personnel, however, those to be retained volunteered for the extra duty, a Navy spokesman declared. The Navy maintains that everyone eligible for demobilization, except the volunteers and medical personnel, will be discharged by September 1. Personnel will be down to 550,000 in a few months and to 437,000 by March 1.

From a peak of 485,934, the Marine Corps has returned 412,641 to civilian life, and with new enlistments had a strength of 134,136 on August 9. It expects to reach its postwar goal of 108,200 not later than October 1.

The Coast Guard, which has been transferred back to the Treasury Department, has cut to 19,000 from its peak of 170,830. The demobilization total is 11,000 less than its original postwar goal of 30,000.

Colonel Pritchett's favorite off-duty pastimes are golf and fishing, in that order. He says he likes California more every day.

"Well," replied the convalescent, somewhat testily, "I trust you will remember that when you come to make out the bill."



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Seven Receive Decorations In Ceremony Here

The award of the Legion of Merit, Oak Leaf cluster, was presented here last week to Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC, by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, who also presented the Army Commendation Ribbon to six of the military personnel of the hospital.

The citation accompanying Colonel Scharwtz's award stated that it was given "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific Area from 8 December 1941 to 7 June 1942. Serving as Assistant Chief Surgical Service in Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, and subsequently as Chief, Surgical Service, General Hospital No. 2, Bataan, Colonel Schwartz displayed outstanding professional skill in the performance of his duties.

"During the initial stages of the war, he expeditiously organized and expanded surgical facilities in Manila to meet the emergency caused by the sudden Japanese aerial attacks, and skillfully performed numerous operations under the most adverse conditions.

"Subsequently, in Bataan, he worked untiringly organizing and supervising surgical teams, and performed thousands of most difficult and complicated operations upon casualties suffered in the gallant defense of the peninsula, until the Japanese captured and disbanded the hospital. As a result of his outstanding surgical skill and keen judgment the highest type of efficient surgical service was provided which saved many American lives and relieved much suffering.

"When the personnel of General Hospital No. 2 were transferred to Cabanatuan, he carried a complete surgical kit which enabled him to render surgical assistance under the most difficult conditions in Prisoner



Colonel BROWN S. McCLINTIC, MC
Former Deputy Commander, who is leaving Letterman this week for retirement.

of War Camp No. 1. Through his unwavering courage, conspicuous professional ability, and unremitting devotion to duty, Colonel Schwartz made a noteworthy contribution to the defense of Bataan and upheld the finest traditions of the United States Army Medical Corps."

The Army Commendation Ribbon was awarded to Capt. Kenneth H. Lillie, Infantry, for outstanding service as Senior Army Ground Forces Liaison Officer at Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Campo, Calif.

The following men received Army

Commendation Ribbons for exceptional services in which they made outstanding contributions to the work of the Medical Department:

Master Sergeant Ernest E. Allen, Chief Clerk, Registrar's Office; Master Sergeant Vaughn G. Yeomans, Serologist, Laboratory Branch; Master Sergeant Theodore Schmi-
erer, Chief Clerk, Medical Supply Branch; 1st Sergeant Calvin D. Williams, 1st Sergeant, Medical Detachment; Technical Sergeant Jack La-
Velle, Chief Property Clerk, Dietet-
ics Branch.

Colonel McClintic Leaves Letterman For Retirement

The old order passeth and one of the latest to take the trail to home and retired life is Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Medical Corps, who was the deputy commander at Letterman until recently.

Colonel McClintic came into the Regular Army in 1917 and has served continuously since that time and that duty included a four year tour in France and Germany, as well as prior service in Persia and Russia as a representative of the American Red Cross. During World War II Colonel McClintic organized the Station Hospital for the Los Angeles Area and commanded that institution until it was deactivated.

In July of 1944 the colonel was assigned to Letterman and designated Executive Officer for the command. When plans were drawn up for a greatly expanded hospital here Colonel McClintic was elevated to the post of Deputy Commander. In that office he was invaluable in supervising both the administrative and professional phases of the organization.

Colonel McClintic is a native of Peru, Indiana, and a graduate from the University of his native state. For medicine he went over to Western Reserve University and has spent almost his entire professional life in the army. Despite his "Hoosier" origin the colonel has no intention of returning to Indiana and his determination to take root in California is indicated by the purchase of a home in the Sea Cliff section of San Francisco.

The colonel made many friends during his tour at Letterman and that new home of his will be a Mecca for the old guard who still delight in twice told tales well worth telling in the inimitable McClintic fashion.

Letterman Employee Wins Cash Award for Suggestion

A cash award for an employee suggestion was presented last week to Miss Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, who commended Miss Bensen for the special interest in her work evidenced by the time and money saving suggestion she made.

The award was \$5, and the suggestion was "that a mimeographed form letter be used in lieu of preparing an individual letter for transmitting Disposition Board Proceedings." This form is processed in Military Personnel Branch. It was determined that by following Miss Bensen's suggestion a saving of paper, time and expense would be effected.

Inaugurated during the war, the Employee Suggestion Program has been the source of many worthwhile ideas submitted by both military and civilian personnel. These ideas have resulted in large savings to the government.

According to the Secretary of War, "More than \$100,000,000 were the initiated savings of the War Department's Suggestion System during its two years of wartime operation. War Department employees made 282,000 suggestions during the war emergency, of which 43,500 were adopted. These worthwhile ideas definitely helped hasten the end of the war."

It has been pointed out that the program's outstanding worth was fully demonstrated during the war, and it is considered that in this post-war period its value can be even greater. Therefore the program is being continued, and employees are urged to submit job improvement ideas to the Suggestion Committee here at Letterman.

A suggestion is defined as "a constructive idea to accomplish a War Department job better, faster and cheaper. It may speed up production, improve job operations, administrative routines, tools, plant lay-out or organization. It may promote health, increase safety, or improve morale."

Awards which may be made by local committees range from \$5 to \$250. Suggestions which are eligible for larger awards are submitted to the War Department Civilian Awards Board for appropriate action.

After the suggestion is submitted by the employee, it is considered and investigated, and if it is found usable, a recommendation is made



CASH AWARD FOR SUGGESTION
Is presented to Miss Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel
by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.

to the commanding general that it be adopted and an award paid. During the investigation of its practicability, the identity of the suggestor is not known to those who pass on the usefulness of the idea.

The individual who is interested in the most efficient performance of his work is bound to have ideas for its improvement. Often these ideas are put into effect and increase the efficiency of the job. Under the suggestion program it is possible to send ideas to the committee which have been submitted to supervisors and already have been adopted informally, provided the suggestion is submitted formally through suggestion channels within 60 days of the adoption of the proposal.

If it is possible to estimate the savings effected by the adoption of a job idea, the amount of the award is a percentage of the total saved. Some suggestions, such as those which affect health, safety, welfare

or morale, cannot be appraised in this manner, and the cash award is based on scope of the idea's applicability and the number of persons its affects.

Employees who take a look at their jobs may find new and speedier ways to perform routine tasks, or think up a way to consolidate two or more job operations. They are urged to submit these ideas to the committee. It is pointed out that no suggestion, however small, is too small.

At present the suggestion boxes at Letterman are being repainted. When they are replaced, which will be in the near future, one will be in Building 1135, one near the Reconditioning Office, and two will be on the ramp. Meanwhile, employees may obtain suggestion blanks and submit their ideas in room 205, administration building, the office of Louis Strohecker, recorder of the Suggestion Committee.

Letterman Golfers Capture Sixth Army Runner-Up Trophy

With a team score of 1663, the Letterman golf team won the runner-up trophy in the Sixth Army golf tournament last week. Top honors in the tournament went to the Second Infantry Division team from Fort Lewis, Wash., who had a team score of 1597. The trophies were presented to the winners by Brig. Gen. Robert M. Cannon of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Sixth Army staff.

Those on the Letterman team and their individual and team scores follow (the score in parentheses is for medal honors on the opening day of the tourney): Capt. T. C. Ward, (81)-83-80-81-81—325; Lt. William Moreiss (85)-82-80-86-84—332; M/Sgt. Joseph M. Fuston (83)-95-93-91-84—363; Pfc. Lloyd Scheuneman (80)-82-83-79-81—325; James M. Liles (84)-76-80-81—318.

More than 80 took part in the tournament.

Teachers See English As Universal Tongue

Endicott, N.Y. (CNS)—Replacing French as the world's most important language, English is rapidly becoming a universal tongue, educators gathered at the world conference of the teaching profession reported.

Since it may achieve the results once dreamed of for Esperanto and similar synthetic languages, the spread of English around the world may facilitate better understanding between nations, the teachers agreed. With French and German, among others, pushed aside, English is now the No. 2 language of most non-English speaking countries, and the number of persons learning the language abroad is growing at an astonishing rate, it was pointed out.

Stores to Mark UN Week

New York (CNS)—Nation-wide radio programs and retail store promotional campaigns will mark the celebration of United Nations Week, Sept. 22-28, the American Association for the United Nations announced.

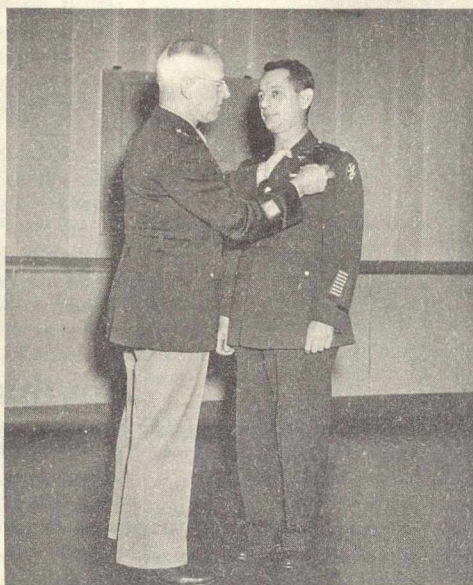
United Nations Week will make "an important contribution to public education about the United Nations," President Truman said in a letter to the American Association for the United Nations. A series of specially designed radio programs is being planned by the National Education Association and 80 other national groups.

AWARDS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT LETTERMAN THIS WEEK

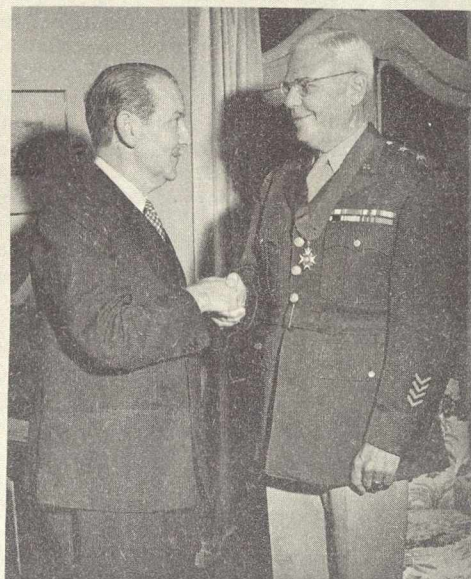


GOLF TROPHY
For runner-up team in Sixth Army tournament is presented to James M. Liles by Brig. Gen. Robert M. Cannon. Looking on are three other members of the Letterman team (L to R): Lt. William Moreiss, Pfc. Lloyd Scheunemann, M-Sgt. Joseph M. Fuston.

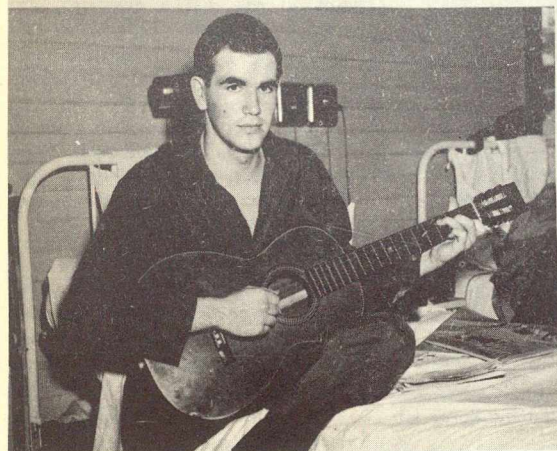
ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBONS
Are presented by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman to (L to R): Capt. Kenneth H. Lillie, M-Sgt. Ernest E. Allen, M-Sgt. Theodore Schmierer, M-Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, 1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams, T-Sgt. Jack LeVelle.



LEGION OF MERIT
Award is presented to Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC, by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman.

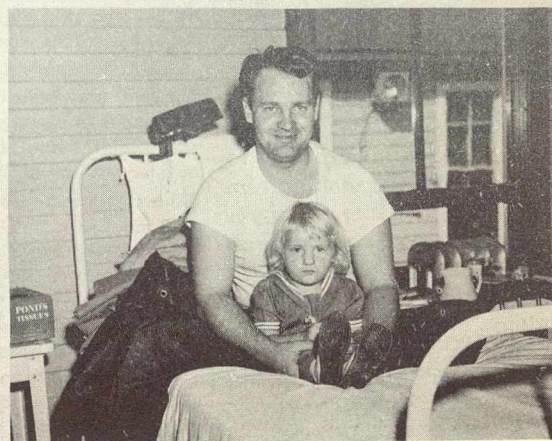


MAJ. GEN. FRANK F. SCOWDEN
Receives the British award of the Honorary Companion of the Military Division of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath from Cyril H. Cane, British Consul General.



THAT HAPPY SMILE
Is because Frank McGuffey of Ward 42, shown here with his small daughter Doretta, is about to leave on furlough.

MUSIC MAKER
Francis Rape of Ward 42 has learned his way around on the guitar since coming to Letterman.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SUGGESTIONS

Civilian employees of Letterman were reminded this week that the Suggestion Program, begun during the war, is still in effect, when an employee of Civilian Personnel received a cash award for an idea submitted to the Suggestion Committee.

The idea submitted was for a work simplification, and its adoption saves the government material, time and money.

It is easy, when once we become accustomed to the routine of our work, to take it for granted, and to go on performing our duties in the same old way. But the person who takes the trouble to look objectively at his work, and ask himself how it can be improved or speeded up, can often find a great many possibilities for such improvement.

The individual who brings to his work the kind of enthusiasm that leads to development of new ideas is not only making the job more interesting for himself, he is also making himself a more valuable employee.

Just because a certain routine has become established, it is not necessarily the best way of doing the work. When you have thought of a new method or a short cut, submit it to the Suggestion Committee. It may win a cash award for you.



The PTs were represented at Blue Lakes during the holidays as Lieuts. Leath Shaffer, Beverly Wight, Ruth Wall, and Margo Ferrell trekked to the mountain country. The gals are a few pounds heavier from all that appetite they took with them, but their hearts are that much lighter for the wonderful times had . . . so the score is even.

Lieut. Florence Hayes of G-1 and Lieut. Beatrice Hayward of A-2 spent their well earned leaves in Yosemite and Los Angeles, not being able to decide on the mountains or the seashore. Since they are both from Massachusetts, they dislike having to admit that Yosemite far surpasses any beauty Massachusetts can offer. Los Angeles brought forth no movie stars to them in person, but when they mingled with the millions on Catalina, anyone could have been their next door neighbor! It was a wonderful leave, they both agreed, and if they had a chance, they'd like to do it all over again.

Lieut. Dorothy Glidden and Ruth Campbell joined forces and journeyed to that lovely town, Palo Alto, for the weekend.

Lieut. Edith Dumont took the longest trip . . . or just the longest way home . . . to Richmond! A hop and jump landed her at her doorstep so that she could spend the holidays with her family.

Regardless of all the comings and goings, it was "Labor Day, OH, Labor Day!" for most of the nurses at Letterman! (Pardon us, Gracie Allen!)

Lieut. Valdis Knudsen, former dietician here who left last April for duty on a hospital ship, finally set sail. She's bound for Pacific areas on the "Hope."

Lieut. Bonnie Bohn and Lieuts. Dorothy Spain, Eileen Welch, Betty Wipperfurth, and Helen Tracy help her celebrate a recent birthday by having steaks at Grison's. 'Twas a juicy birthday, no doubt. Our belated congratulations.

Lieut. Mary Holke, dietician, has been having her ups and downs. She's taken up the art of riding

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Surgeon General of the Army here on an informal visit on Monday afternoon.

New insignia of rank on several shoulder loops: Golden leaves for **Frederic W. Rhinelander**, and twin bars for **Craig C. Burns**, **Frederick W. Frank**, and **Donald D. Jackson**. Congratulations.

A card from Captain **Lillian Girarde**, two time former Lettermanite, now en route to Camp Stoneman.

The new abbreviation for the Chemical Warfare Service of old and Chemical Corps of today—it is CML.

Mr. Raymond V. Shine, head man for civilian personnel, heading for Washington and a course in school to learn more about his profession.

Chaplain Stanley J. Reilly back at work after a tour of the eastern seaboard.

Russell Nunes in the hands of the surgeons and smiling through the ordeal.

Lieut. **George Dowling** with ready answers for all the questions on terminal leave pay and bonds.

Lieut. Colonel **Homer C. McCullough** resuming his duties as Director of Personnel with a pruning knife in hand. Orders from the Top.

Every human mind is a great slumbering power until awakened by keen desire and by definite resolution to do. —**Edgar F. Roberts**.

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it. —**Henry Ford**.

The difference between a married woman and an old maid is that one has had the wedding march played for her, and the other hasn't even had an overture.

"Say, dad, what are diplomatic relations?"

"My boy, there are no such people."

horses . . . and is getting some riding to boot!

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 8, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Beethoven Festival

Music lovers at Letterman are invited to attend a special series of recorded concerts of the music of Beethoven beginning next week at the East Hospital Service Club. The first concert will be Monday evening, September 9, at 8:15, and the series will continue on Monday and Thursday evenings all during September. The recordings, from the collection of Sgt. Harry Wagner, will present Toscanini, Weingartner, Rubenstein, Walter, Schnabel and other great musicians.

Anything For A Laugh

"Everyone in town is talking about the Smith's quarrel," reported the wife. "Some are taking his part, and some hers."

"And," replied the husband, "I suppose a few eccentric individuals are minding their own business."

"Honey, while we are sitting out here in the romantic moonlight I want to ask you a question."

"Yes, darling?"

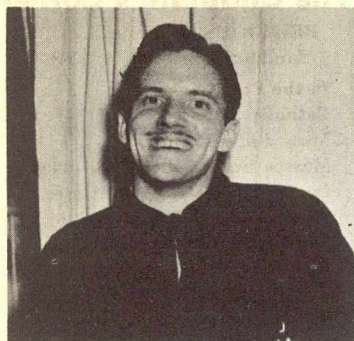
"Couldn't we move a little? I'm sitting on a nail."

"Your hair is like spun gold. Your eyes are like two pools—your lips—gad! What a mess you must make on the edge of a coffee cup!"

The Irish watchman at the observatory was new to the job. He paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed in amazement, "you're a fine shot!"

ON THE SPOT



EDWARD C. YOUNT
Private First Class

Spending every winter in Miami, Florida, is nice if you can arrange it, and Pfc. Edward Yount, Jr. of ward E-2 is the man who has done just that! He was born in Lafayette, Indiana, traveled a great deal, and has ambitions to see the world.

Instead of playing marbles with other boys as a youngster, Ed took painting lessons from his artist mother who taught art upon graduating from Purdue. Therefore every phase of art is of interest to him. Dramatics and music, (he sings, too!) are no exceptions. He detests the commercial idea of art, and after painting a portrait, gives it to the subject as a gift. He was an art student at the John Herron and Tafflinger Schools.

But painting and singing are only hobbies. His ambition lies in dramatics, and while at Dibble General Hospital, he took dramatics at Stanford. In pursuit of success, Ed plans to study at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and eventually go to England with an eye toward the world famous Old Vic Theater.

He also writes, and has two books to his credit, although neither has been offered for publication as yet. One is the story of the war with a "unique twist." The other is "The Seventh Son of a Seventh Son," and is longer than "Gone with the Wind." His ambitions include writing a play or two.

In spite of his artistic abilities, Ed has had down-to-earth jobs. He went into real estate with his father, built a sub-division of 37 houses, promptly lost his shirt, gave up and came west. He also acted as slavey in the production department of Warner Bros., carrying things around and driving a Cadillac 60 Special. His idea was to learn acting from the ground up, but he says

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Strange sights: Seeing civilians en masse in the PX Grill under the sign "Reserved for Military Personnel."

Bob Allen Wolf, the Gene Autry fan, planning on only two weeks until he dons a 10-gallon hat and boots again and is no longer heard on the KLGH program.

Norris Schwarz, Ira Landerman, Ed Yount, and Luis Serpas, all of ward E-2, decided to go for a short drive last Tuesday, so they ended up in Rio Nido, Russian River resort. Said Ed as they were about to return, "I won't go home unless I can drive!" and promptly he opened the door of the car and climbed into the BACK seat.

C-2 is going artistic. Sam Harrison recently displayed some very delightful paintings done by a Dutch artist in Germany, and Joseph Josephson brought forth his clever etchings. Joe, it seems, has some wonderful talent, and each picture has a story behind it which adds a great deal of fascination. The boy wants to continue on as an artist, attending school, etc., so watch for his name in the future, and say "I knew him when . . .!"

Frank Douglas was recently approached and asked to donate 100 cc's of blood because that handsome gent had a terrifically high level of sulfadiazine, or somethin', which we understand is most rare and excellent to possess. That's all verri nice, but the joke of it, son, is that Frank has received a total of 59 transfusions . . . and can hardly call his blood his own!

Congratulations to Lawrence Walters on his first wedding anniversary. Larry, who was married while in Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California, is now a patient on D-2. That's one way for happy marriages. . . .

That good-looking lad, Hal Godsey, now out in the field hospital,

it wasn't as simple as it sounds. Although he played in little theaters there, he was never "discovered." Lockheed knows him as an ex-material control expediter. His last job was with the Army! Ed was in the 94th Division of 376th Infantry which showed him the ETO, and led to a wheel chair in the "hospital with a soul."

needs help in turning that frown into a grin. Says he, "I've read every book in the hospital library!" Evidently time is on his hands very heavily. . . . What charming person can offer assistance???

Ralph Swanson just returned from a nice long 45-day furlough, full of fish stories. Ralph toured with his charming wife everywhere from San Diego to Minnesota, fishing along the way. It's very nice to see him back, in spite of his stories of how difficult it is to get along in the outside world.

Arthur (Frosty) Whitfield of Ward 42 is about to take off for his home in Fort Collins, Colorado, on a 30-day furlough, and hopes to find his new Oldsmobile purring at the curb when he arrives. He'll make the trip home with his brother, who is detouring his L. A. honeymoon to take Frosty home.

Frank D. McGuffey of Ward 42 is making plans for his 15-day furlough in Bend, Oregon, with his wife and small daughter, Doretta Irene.

Must be true love! Francis Rape not only entertains Ward 42 with his guitar playing, but also plays the guitar every evening for his one and only. And she must like it, because she is here every evening to hear it.

Lewis Platt of Ward 40, whose home is in Cheyenne, Wyoming, says when he gets out of the Army he'll build his home with four rooms in Colorado and four in Wyoming, thus

Camp Upton To Become
Atom Research Center

Washington (CNS)—Camp Upton, one of the largest camps adjacent to the New York area during the war, has been selected as a site for one of the three new atomic research centers, Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the Army's atomic-bomb project, announced.

The camp site, which has been declared surplus by the War Dept., has hundreds of shuttered buildings and is capable of housing the project with a minimum of rebuilding.

Gen. Groves disclosed that the center will be known as the Northeast National Laboratory and would study fundamental problems of nuclear science and carry out investigations on the applications of atomic energy. The General added that the laboratory will be operated by nine major educational institutions.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JEAN ARGIE
Technician Fifth Grade

Believe it or not, our petite lassie, T/5 Jean Argie, was a riveter and driller. When one looks at Jean, he wonders how she had the strength to do such a manly task. Such are the wonders wrought by war! Besides this job with the Briggs Manufacturing Company in Detroit, Michigan, she had also been a soda fountain manager. No, never a jerk! Jean enlisted in the WAC during the call for Medical Technicians, but was assigned to Clerk School after her basic training in Des Moines.

The Message Center personnel may come and go, but Jean is as permanent there as the distribution boxes. She's been on duty since October 7th, and through wind and rain, snow and sleet, and even fog, has seen that the mail gets through. "It's a fascinating job and never fails to bring forth surprises and humorous incidents," is her description of it.

Although she possesses that rare beauty of dark auburn hair and brown eyes, Jean detests the nickname of "Red." Neither does she approve of being fibbed about her freckles. Men admirers . . . take note! Her favorite recreations are riding and dancing, with tennis thrown in for good measure.

Jean's goal is in sight, and it's definitely a woman's job . . . now that the war is over she prefers to leave men's work to the "stronger sex." She plans to attend cosmetology school and continue in that speciality until she knows it from the feet up. Then there'll be a great day when she "opens shop" and passes on her knowledge of American beauty and how to achieve it!

giving him an address in two states. Then when somebody comes to see him on the Wyoming side, his wife can say casually, "Sorry, he's in Colorado just now."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Appearing on the Guest Roster this week at Yosemite Valley were the names of Lynnes Herrick of the Finance Office and Martha Phillips, Director of Personnel Office. The two indulged in the many activities in the mountain resort.

A round trip flight to Burbank took Ellen Bauer, hygienist, to the southern part of the state where she visited with friends.

Gordon Sauers was seen learning the art of how to lose friends and annihilate others while on duty in the Receiving Office last week during the administration of diphtheria shots. No fooling, it didn't hurt at all and we'll return again to ask for more!

Returning from her vacation spent with her family at Salt Lake City, Utah, Winifred Kirk is back again in Occupational Therapy Section.

Harriet Bacon, Reconditioning, and Alice Torgerson, Finance, were lured by Marin County fun and sun, while Santa Cruz was everything for June Grumstrup of Personnel. With the football season upon us, "Beebee" of the Prosthetic Section is sure to be there cheering for her favorite team as was displayed during the 49er game last Sunday. Helen Dietz, Record Room, observed the Labor Day weekend in the mountains at Camp Mather.

It will be a winter wedding for Lillian Wickstrom, secretary on ward A-1. Her beautiful engagement ring was admired by her many friends while she was PXing it.

Quite proud these days is Margaret Hickey, nurse on Ward P, as she tells of the many quarts of fruits and vegetables she canned last month at the food center in San Mateo. Guess you have the ceiling price beat!

John Schutz of the photo lab spent the holiday week end improving his suntan at Carmel, and had the pleasure of seeing Kay Hardy, formerly of the Fog Horn staff, while he was there.

Ruth Jensen of Payroll Section is enjoying a week's leave at home with her family in Salt Lake City.

"How much do I have to pay for a marriage license?"

"Two dollars down and your entire salary for the rest of your life."

Daffynition—Lost Weekend: Rhapsody in brew.

MRS. DONNA CANNON, LONG TIME LGH EMPLOYEE, LEAVES FOR HOMESIDE



Mrs. DONNA CANNON
One of our most popular civilian employees who resigned this week.

"Going, going, gone" has been the sum and substance of reports on so many of our associates in recent weeks that we thought we had arrived at the point where we could take departures in stride and toss them off as "one of those things." But when Mrs. Donna Cannon walked into the "sanctum" to tell us "good bye" and "for keeps" we were grateful when the phone rang because it gave us a chance to regain our composure.

Mrs. Cannon has been on the civilian staff of Letterman for almost four years and a valuable asset in every department to which she was assigned. The highly developed processes for the reception of returning overseas sick and wounded and their subsequent transfer to inland hospitals were successful in operation largely through the ability of Mrs. Cannon to co-ordinate the activities of the various sections of the Receiving and Evacuation Division. As the assistant to the Chief of the division she demonstrated an un-

usual capacity for mastering all the details incidental to the moving of thousands of patients each month. Chiefs could come and go; they might even be expendable, but Mrs. Cannon was listed as essential.

Mrs. Cannon was teaching school in Sanger, California, when the war began and she immediately sought for something to do in the war effort. The "Mr." in her family was in uniform and Donna felt she should be helping on the home front. Her first assignment was at the Presidio and after five months there she came over to Letterman for the realization of her ambition. Pfc. John J. Cannon remained overseas for more than two years and she looked forward to the day when he would come back and they could resume their family life.

That day finally came but there was still plenty to do for the returning sick and wounded so Mrs. Cannon deferred the home and fireside for still another year. Now with the flow of returning patients a mere

Record Budget Available for Army and Navy

Washington (CNS)—The largest peacetime military budget in U. S. history provides a total of \$11,383,201,700 for the nation's armed forces in the fiscal year which began last July 1, it was revealed by a checkup of appropriations voted by the recently adjourned Congress.

The sum is more than one-fourth of the country's unprecedented over-all peacetime budget of \$41,500,000,000. It was voted to provide, on 1 July, 1947, a total active force of about 1,670,000 soldiers, sailors, and marines—a decrease of about 800,000 men from the armed forces' strength as of 1 Aug. 1946.

In addition to the newly voted funds, the Army and Navy have other money, carried over from previous fiscal years for continuing construction programs, earmarked for war contract terminations, and other purposes. Hence the bookkeeping total available to the armed services amounts to about \$22,900,000,000, including carryovers from past fiscal years.

However, not all this will be actually available, for in early August President Truman ordered a \$1,650,000,000 cut—\$1,000,000,000 by the Army, the rest by the Navy—in the 1947 defense budget. He also ordered the services to absorb the cost of military pay increases, estimated at about \$600,000,000 this year, out of the budget amounts appropriated by Congress.

Despite the cuts, the Army and Navy still have a sizable sum on which to base the plans for U. S. postwar defense.

As passed by Congress, the 1947 military budget provides for the maintenance—but reduction—of occupation forces overseas, for the establishment of a reserve training program, to be expanded in future years, and for major amounts for research and development.

"Whenever my wife and I quarrel she becomes historical."

"You mean hysterical."

"No, historical. She always digs up my past."

trickle she feels she has earned a period of rest and the home is the place to take it.

Mrs. Cannon will live in San Francisco and we hope she will find time to drop in for an occasional visit with the military and civilian associates she helped fight the war on the home front at Letterman.

WAC

Rather an appropriate time for Lieut. Marion B. Chapin to officially take on the title of Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment was the day before Labor Day, September 1st. Seems to me I've heard that song. . . . "She's a Grand C O!"

Labor Day found S/Sgt. Ellen Ness playing mermaid on the white sands of Carmel with her sisters, who are visiting from the northwest country. The result . . . a brick red complexion, which is not a blush.

It was a blowout for Rena Regas, Mildred Sitton, Frances Jenkins, and Ruth Batt as they motored to the Blue Lakes for the holiday. However, no damage could be done to those model Ts, so all ended well. The girls played sprouts by camping in sleeping bags under the bright stars. Loafing is a fine pastime, and they touched it up with a good ol' GI appetite. Our ex-S/Sgt Nancy Cook, former member of the Detachment, graced the group with her presence!

Cindy Slay and Elma Cain really celebrated in short order when they completed work Monday afternoon and dashed up to Russian River to enjoy swimming, tennis and sandy beaches . . . not to mention the hot dogs.

The holiday brought forth wedding bells, also, and our best wishes go to the newlyweds.

T/4 Juanita Ragsdale ushered out August by changing her name to "Mrs." The lucky man is T/Sgt Ernest Lawton of the 102nd Machine Record Unit of the Sixth Army. Juanita, who has been working in the Finance Office, wore her gardenias on her OD uniform, while her bridesmaid, T/3 Elma Cain, chose a begonia. The best man, also with the Sixth Army, was M/Sgt Al Hogue. Following the double ring ceremony in the Presidio Chapel, the couple spent a 3-day honeymoon at the Russian River.

Pale pink roses and white carnations made up the corsage worn by T/5 Vivian Johnson as S/Sgt Tom O'Neil took her as his bride Sunday in the Letterman Chapel. Both bride and bridegroom are with the Medical Detachments; Vivian working in the Sergeant Major's Office, and Tom in Medical Supply. S/Sgt Gerald Davis and T/5 Dorothy Mar-

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & TRAINING HERE FOR TOUR OF TEMPORARY DUTY



Colonel FLOYD L. WERGELAND, MC
Former Director of Education and Training in the office of the Surgeon General.

Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, M. C., now at Letterman on temporary duty, will have the opportunity to observe in practice the program he supervised as the Director of Education and Training in the office of the Surgeon General for the past two years.

The colonel is a native of the town of Kibbey, Montana, and he volunteers the information that the place of his birth is now extinct. He attended high school in Great Falls, Mont., and later graduated from the Northwestern University. His medical course was taken at the College for Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles. He came to active duty in the Medical Corps Reserve in April 1933 and became a Regular on 1 July 1934. In addition to service with the CCC he was stationed

shad acted as best man and bridesmaid while a group of friends witnessed the rites performed by Chaplain Albert F. Click.

at Fort McClellan in Alabama for two years and later completed the course at the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Wergeland in his capacity as Director of Training travelled extensively in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, and more recently has returned from a tour of observation in the Scandinavian countries. His report of the medical service in the Defense Forces of Sweden, submitted to the Surgeon General, is both interesting and informative. In Sweden there is one medical service for all branches in the defense forces and the system works out well.

In 1930 the colonel was married to Miss Josephine R. Newton at Sayville, N. Y., and in his family are two sons, Larry 14, and David 10. Like all army families they have trekked here and there as the head of the house complied with army orders to move from one station to another, and ahead of them is the

Student Exchange Program Will Be Launched Shortly

Washington (CNS) — With the signing by Pres. Truman of the Fulbright Act, providing for the exchange of university students between the U.S. and countries abroad, the State Dept. announced that negotiations will get underway immediately to put the program into effect.

The student exchange project is to be financed through proceeds from the sale of surplus goods now overseas. The funds derived from these sales will defray the expense of American students studying in universities where the goods are sold and also pay the education expenses of students of the buying country attending American institutions. Up to \$20,000,000 may be earmarked for such student exchange purposes by countries making purchases and a million dollars of surplus goods sales proceeds may be expended in a single year.

Asst. Secretary of State William B. Benton stated that as many as 100,000 American students may get the benefit of study abroad under the new law in the course of the next few decades, and about 50,000 foreign students will come here to further their education.

Hailing the Fulbright Act as a major step in long range efforts to promote international understanding, Mr. Benton stated that the student exchange program will help avoid the development of ill feeling towards the U.S. that marked the years following World War I, particularly over the war debts.

An agreement for student exchanges has already been worked out with Great Britain and her colonies and negotiations are now being conducted for a similar arrangement with Australia, China, the Philippines, New Zealand, Burma, India, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Italy, Austria, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries.

In the selection of American exchange students, it was stated preference will be given to war veterans.

longest journey of all when they leave for a new assignment abroad.

Colonel Wergeland, assisted by Major John M. Gracie, is spending his time at Letterman entertaining the group of foreign friends temporarily domiciled in our midst, and we gather from all reports that he makes a gracious host and reflects great credit on our command.

U. N. Assembly Set To Consider Major World Problems

New York (CNS)—Despite the fact that the spotlight of international affairs is focused on the 21-nation peace conference in Paris, considerable attention is being paid to the present and forthcoming activities of the United Nations by the governments of the world.

Particular interest is now centered on the United Nations Assembly. This body, to which every member nation of U. N. will send representatives, is scheduled to meet on 23 Sept. in the renovated City of New York Building of the World's Fair period, in Flushing Meadow Park. In the event that the Paris conference becomes protracted, there is a possibility that the Assembly sessions might be postponed to a later date.

With delegates from 51 nations participating, the Assembly will have under discussion and consideration some of the knottiest problems presently confronting the statesmen of the world. That the United Nations is growing in influence as an organization for the promotion of world peace and security and as the best instrumentality now in existence for the composing of international differences, is evidenced by the relatively large list of countries applying for U. N. membership.

Admission of new members will be one of the major items on the U. N. Assembly agenda. The following countries have already applied or have taken steps towards eventual application for membership; Albania, Afghanistan, Iceland, Ireland, Mongolian Peoples Republic, Portugal, Trans Jordan, Siam and Sweden are also believed ready to ask for U. N. membership.

The Charter of the U. N. provides that all applications for membership must be examined first by the committee representing the 11 nations on the Security Council appointed for such purpose. The report must be ready by 21 Aug. The acid test for U. N. membership as laid down in the Charter is that the applicant is a "peace loving State" able and willing to shoulder and carry out its obligations under the U. N. The countries now asking to be admitted were either neutrals during the war or gained their independence following the termination of hostilities. Their attitudes and acts during the great conflict will determine in large measure their acceptance or rejection as "a peace loving State."

The report of the Security Council committee will be submitted to the Assembly for final action. A two thirds vote is necessary for election to U. N. membership.



HOLLYWOOD'S 'CINDERELLA GIRL OF 1946'
Is lovely, shapely Barbara Hale. A former model and art student from Rockford, Illinois, Barbara is the gal who received nation-wide publicity by giving Frank Sinatra his first screen kiss in "Higher and Higher." You'll be seeing her soon in RKO Radio's "Lady Luck," in which she has star billing with Robert Young and Frank Morgan.

U. S. Leads Way in Reporting to UN On Its Possessions and Territories

New York (CNS)—First to file with the United Nations a complete report on administration of its territories and possessions, the United States has made it clear that it would like to see the other major colonial powers—Great Britain, the Netherlands, and France—file accounts of conditions in all lands under their rule.

Broadly interpreting a provision of the UN charter designed to protect dependent peoples, the American government said that the United Nations should receive reports on every possession whose people had fewer rights than the citizens of the ruling power. The U. S. reports covered all this nation's territories and possessions except a few small islands, and included economic, social, and educational affairs in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, Guam, and American Samoa.

Aside from the information the

reports contained, the American step was considered historic because it represented the first time a major power had accounted to a world organization for the handling of its own possessions. While the League of Nations functioned, governing nations were obligated only to report on mandated territories.

The UN charter, calling for "regular" reports on possessions and territories, is not completely specific in its provision for filing such reports, and the U. S. thus hopes to set a precedent for reports filed annually, officials indicated.

After the American documents were made public, spokesmen for Great Britain said the United Kingdom would comply with every provision of the charter, but exactly what accountings would be made, and when, were not yet known.

Reconditioning Says

1. "A Man's Time of Learning Never Ends; He Remains a Student Until He Passes On." . . . so says the motto of Frank Wiggin's Trade School. Like our own S. F. Gompers' Trade School, Wiggins offers a wide variety of courses. A few examples: cake decoration, fashion modeling, portraiture, piano tuning, upholstery, tailoring.

2. The choice of your life's work, like the choice of your life's partner, is the most important decision with which you are ever faced. There are a number of people who give little thought to this problem: they drift into the first job that is open to them and from one type of unskilled work to another.

The disadvantages of such lack of planning are obvious. Psychologists say you should—First, obtain information about many jobs from many sources; Second, analyze your own qualifications and interests objectively. But how can YOU, a patient, follow their advice? Here are a few suggestions; browse through the vocational files in the Reconditioning Office; visit your post library; interview your vocational counselors in Separation & Counseling Office (Room 17, under Receiving); take aptitude and interest tests; check the library of trade school and university catalogs in Reconditioning; take a ride with the patients who go daily to Gompers' Trading School and learn something first-hand about the many occupations in which you can acquire a skill.

Remember, statistics have long since debunked the old idea that each individual is cut out for only ONE job. Records prove that most people, in so far as abilities are concerned, are capable of doing a number of things almost equally well. But there are doubtless, several occupations particularly adapted to your pattern of abilities among which you should choose if you are to be happy and reasonably successful in your vocational life.

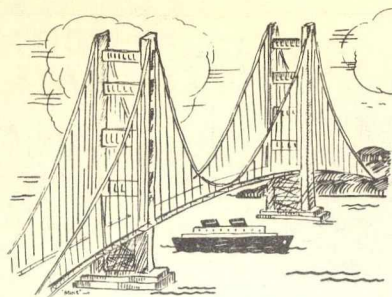
Moe: "I see you hurt your head. Did you have an ex-ray taken?"

Joe: "Yep."

Moe: "What did it show?"

Joe: "Nothing."

Moe: "Well, the truth will out."



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Patients To Win Pedigreed Dogs At Show Here

Letterman patients will be the guests of honor Sunday, September 15, at the Dog Show to be held on the hospital parade grounds, and several pedigreed puppies will be given away to the patients by means of a drawing. The show ushers in National Dog Week, and dog fanciers will exhibit at the combined puppy matches of the Collie Club, the Standard Schnauzer Club, and the Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern California.

Heading the list of canine stars who will parade for the division of the patients will be Gerry (Gareth of Llanfair), famous giant schnauzer owned by General and Mrs. Joseph W. Stilwell. The exhibition will also include famous veterans of the K-9 Corps, obedience-trained dogs, guide dogs for the blind, trick dog acts, a servicemen's handling class, and bench-show champions of many breeds. Arrangements have been made to take the canine celebrities through the wards so that bed patients may also enjoy the features of the show.

For those patients who win the pedigreed puppies donated by the dog fanciers, United Airlines has offered to ship the pups via air express free of charge. A second drawing will be held at the show, by means of which a member of the popular new corduroy dogs, "Snoopers," will be given away to members of the Army Nurse Corps and the WAC Detachment.

Patients who are able to take part in the servicemen's handling class will receive handsome trophies. First is offered by Dr. and Mrs. Carter Harrison Downing, well known in San Francisco for their philanthropic work on behalf of dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Campbell, who head the show committee, will donate a prize for second best, and Miss Karin Finn,



GERRY

"Gerry," (officially Gareth of Llanfair) General Joseph W. Stilwell's famous Giant Schnauzer, held in check by Betty Kirschner, House of Charm model, surveys the scene of Letterman's forthcoming Dog Show, to be held Sunday, September 15, at 12:30 p.m.

who will give a demonstration of handling with her greyhound, has contributed a trophy for third best.

Among the donors of the puppies to be given away are Drelms Kennels in Novato, Glard Kennels of Aptos, Seedmont Kennels in Hayward, and Marwill Kennels of Santa Cruz. A schnauzer puppy has been donated by Mrs. Robert Ades, president of the Standard Schnauzer Club.

Thomas J. Campbell is chairman of the show committee, assisted by

co-chairman Captain Darr Jobe of Presidio Post Veterinarian Section. Other members of the committee are Colonel J. F. Crosby, Captain W. L. Johnson and Captain Mary L. House. Liaison and coordination of dog fanciers is being handled by Mrs. Lorraine Swartz, secretary of the Doberman Pinscher Club, Miss Elsie Granville, secretary of the Collie Club, and Arthur Foff, of the Standard Schnauzer Club. Miss Adelaide Hecker, chairman of National Dog Week, is also cooperating.

General Hillman Receives High Fraternity Award

At the Victory (46th) Grand Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity held in Chicago from 5 to 7 September Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman, was among the members of the fraternity awarded the Significant Sig for outstanding accomplishments.

These awards are limited to seven at each bi-ennial grand chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, but as there had been no meeting since 1941 a total of 21 awards were made on the occasion of this grand chapter.

The medal "Significant Sig" awarded to General Hillman is inscribed "To C. C. Hillman for his achievements which have brought honor and prestige to the name of the Sigma Chi Fraternity." Others in the armed forces who were honored with the same award were Lieut. General Dan I. Sultan, Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr., Major General James E. Fechet, Brig. General Gerald C. Thomas, Brig. General John M. Willis, Colonel Frank Kurtz, Lieut. Colonel Cecil H. Davidson, Captain Maurice I. Britt, Rear Admiral A. H. Van Keuren, and Captain Robert D. Workman, USN.

One of the more solemn events on the program for the Grand Chapter was the Memorial Service in honor of nearly seven hundred members of the fraternity who lost their lives in World War II. The Right Reverend Arthur W. Moulton, Episcopal Bishop of Utah, presided at the services.

Major General Patrick J. Hurley, Sigma Chi's most colorful military figure, was the Grand Chapter Orator at the traditional Literary Exercises.

Patients' Entries All Win Prizes at '-Hobby Holiday'

Letterman patients had 33 entries in the recent San Mateo "Hobby Holiday" show sponsored by the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce, and every one of the entries received a prize. They were all articles made here in the Occupational Thrapy Department, and included jewelry, ceramics, drawing, photographs, wood carvings, house models and stamp exhibits.

The hobby show was held at the San Mateo City Park, and was attended by more than 7,000 persons, reports Miss Dorothy M. Sniffen, chief of the O. T. department. Mrs. James Ramsey, Red Cross Arts and Skills worker in the O. T. Shop, assisted in transporting the articles to San Mateo and was on hand all day at the show to answer questions about the work on display. Mrs. Ramsey, who has been a volunteer Red Cross worker all during the war, has already given more than 200 hours of time at Letterman this year.

The patients' entries and their prizes: Adolfo Morales, for a set of six photographs, first prize. Donald E. Christiansen entered the following wood carvings, and received a third prize—a dachshund, an elephant, a deer, and a dog.

Maurice David received a second prize for his entry of plastic earrings and two plastic locket, one heart-shaped and one diamond-shaped.

Tony Gonzales received two prizes, a first for jewelry entries of a silver bracelet, a New Zealand jade ring, a Mexican pin and a silver buckle, and a third prize for a brass lamp.

A first prize went to Harold Hansen for a crayon drawing. A. L. Harris earned an honorable mention for a leather purse.

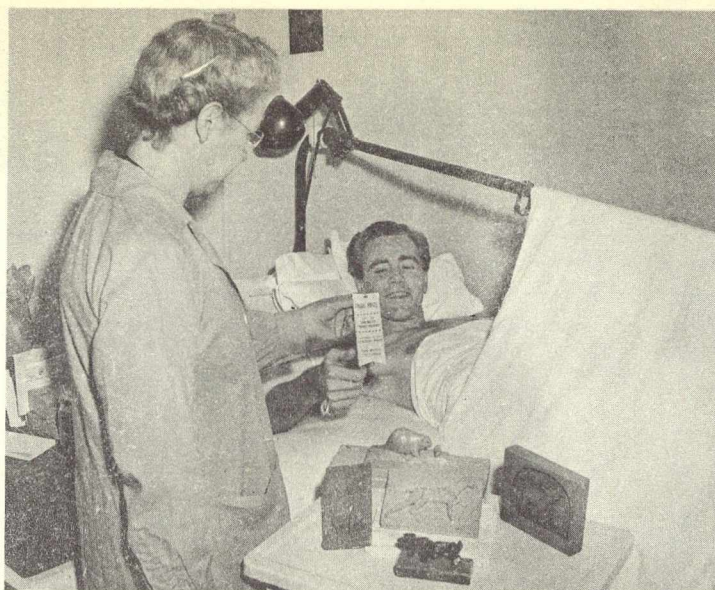
Dan Scott was given two second prizes, one for bookends carved of wood, and a wooden horse and rider; the other for ceramics—a bowl, a horse's head, a buffalo and a miner.

Clarence Hansen received honorable mention for a ceramic cream and sugar set. Two ceramic deer made by John Broek earned a third prize.

Forrest Theriot got an honorable mention for four ceramic Ubangi heads, and an honorable mention went to A. Sigman for a decorated ceramic plate.

For his two plastic house models, Luis Serpas received a first prize.

Three stamp exhibits, entered by



LT. DONALD E. CHRISTIANSEN
Accepts with pleasure the prize for his wood carvings awarded at the San Mateo "Hobby Holiday" show last week.



MRS. JAMES RAMSEY
Red Cross Arts and Skills worker in the Occupational Thrapy Shop, with the prize-winning work done by patients and duty personnel and exhibited last week at the San Mateo hobby show. All Letterman entries won prizes.

Lucas Johnson, Charles Kahman and Samuel Manley, all received first prizes.

Two members of the WAC detachment on duty in the O. T. Shop also received prizes. Aletha Birchfield received a first for her ceramic horses, and Dorothy Rosenfeld a second for her ceramic dogs.

I'm done with dames, they cheat and lie,
They prey on us males to the day we die.
They tease and torment us and drive us to sin—
Say! Look at the blonde who just walked in!

Need Typists And Stenographers in VA Offices in S. F.

Over 200 typists and stenographers are urgently needed in the Veterans Administration San Francisco downtown offices, the VA announced this week. Positions for an additional 50 part-time typists are also open, as well as 10 personnel trainees.

"These new personnel are required to speed processing of the thousands of veterans' applications for benefits due them under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act," Colonel Thomas J. Cross, VA chief here, said.

Full-time typists will start at \$1954 and stenographers at \$2168 annually, plus time and one-half for overtime. These government workers will also be entitled to 26 days' vacation with pay and 15 days sick leave yearly.

Part-time typists will serve a minimum of four hours per shift at an hourly wage of 93 cents. Personnel trainees receive \$2644 annually.

The VA Regional office at 49 Fourth Street will employ immediately 110 typists and 50 stenographers, in addition to the part-time typists and personnel trainees. Another 60 clerical workers are needed at the VA Branch headquarters, 180 New Montgomery.

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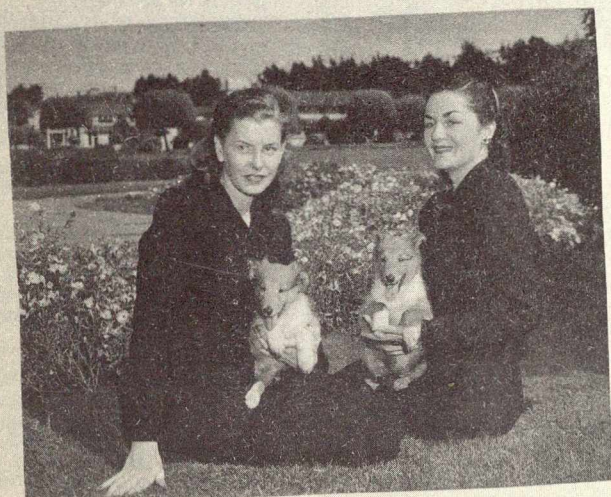
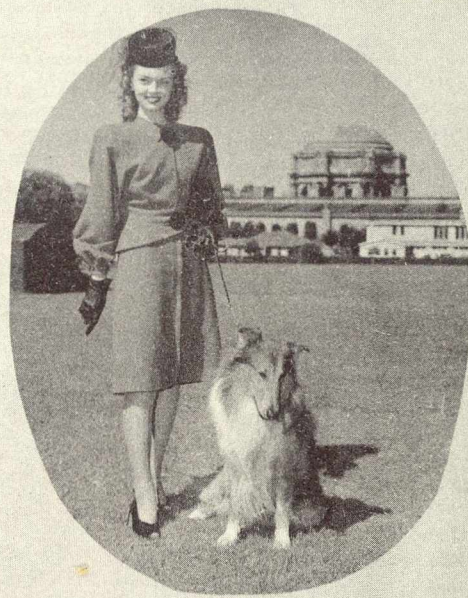
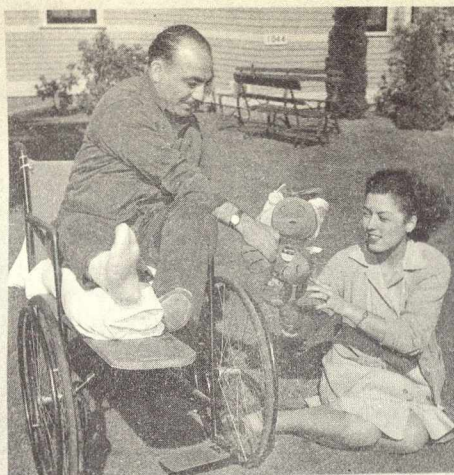
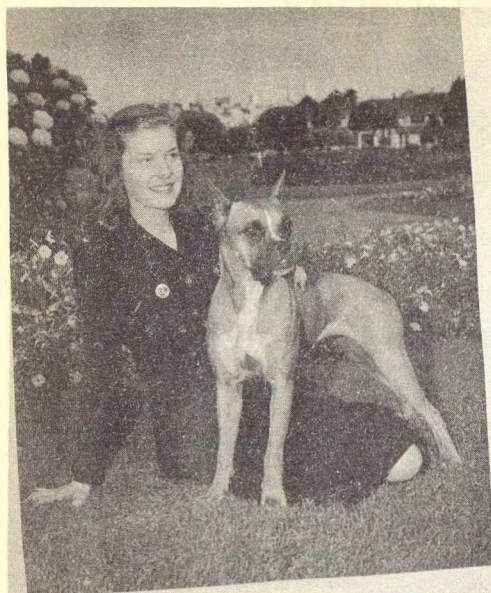
Increased pension rates for approximately 4500 California veterans who became disabled in peacetime service will become effective October 1, 1946, and will be reflected in payments November 1, the Veterans Administration announced this week.

Twenty per cent increases for veterans disabled in wartime service became effective September 1. Generally, the rate of compensation for peacetime disabled veterans is 75 per cent of the wartime rate.

VA said the new rates will be applied automatically; therefore it is not necessary for veterans affected by the law to make inquiries at any VA office.

About 40,000 veterans throughout the country are affected by the law.

Elite of The Dog World Here for Letterman Dog Show



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EDITORIAL

DOG SHOW

Through the generous interest of local citizens Letterman will have the honor of opening National Dog Week on Sunday afternoon when there will be a dog show for the entertainment of our patients.

The companionship of the soldier and his dog has been traditional in the service and it has been a poor troop, battery, or company which did not have at least one dog drawing rations "off the record" from the mess hall.

The part played by the K-9 Corps is well known to the American public from the frequent mention of the work of the dogs in the press dispatches sent by correspondents at the fighting fronts. The terror of jungle combat was greatly reduced for the man who penetrated the dense undergrowth accompanied by a trained dog. The lurking enemy learned to his grief that he was no match for the soldier with the dog.

It will be a real treat for our patients, who have seen so much of the dogs under combat conditions, to have this opportunity to view the animals under circumstances more favorable to the display of the qualities which have earned for the dog the title of "Man's best friend."

We are grateful to the officers and the ladies who have worked so hard to arrange the dog show. It has all been done on a volunteer basis and their



More promotions in the mail from Washington. Golden leaves for John A. Eisenbeiss and twin bars for Houghton Gifford, William B. Marbury, Jr., William C. Morgan, Edgar T. Pfeill, Jr., Irving S. Rosenbaum, Dean C. Varney, and Charles C. Wycoff—all medical officers, and a silver bar for Dorothy Spain—Dietitian. Congratulations.

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Mr. Joe De Freitas and his gang in the machine shop doing a craftsman job on the supports for the temple bells.

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Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of the Surgical Services, collecting photographs of his predecessors in that office and the file is almost complete from the days of World War I.

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Colonel Euclid B. Frick, Letterman commander of many years ago, dropping in for a chat with the "Front office" staff to today.

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Colonel Kermit H. Gates, our "Exec" working over time and still keeping his genial smile.

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Chaplain Albert F. Click brushing off his school books in anticipation of his assignment to take the next course at the Chaplains' School at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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Preparations for the Dog Show on Sunday afternoon. Don't miss it.

It is not to make war that we desire a strong Army and Navy, and want to have behind them a strong reserve of trained men. This country has no aggressive designs on any other country in the world. They are needed to help keep the peace. The best way to do that is for the peace-loving nations to remain strong.—Dwight D. Eisenhower.

motive is solely to demonstrate how well founded is the affection in which our dogs are held.

This will be the first "Dog Day" at Letterman and we hope it will set a precedent to make it at least an annual affair.

On Sunday afternoon let's all go to the dogs.



Congratulations are in order this week for Lt. Dorothy Spain of the dietitians, who has received her promotion to first lieutenant.

Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, was welcomed back recently after the emergency leave which took her to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lt. Mary F. Neeb seized the opportunity of her 15-day leave to take off for Abilene, Texas, where she is no doubt gathering verbal ammunition to fortify her in the eternal battle of the rest of the states versus Texas.

Those get-well wishes that have been heading in the direction of Lt. Alice L. Moffett while she has been in patient status are having their effect, because she is reported to be up and around.

Lt. Frances DePrez of Physical Therapy Department spent a gay weekend enjoying herself with friends at Big Basin.

Major Eileen Brady is in Salt Lake City on emergency leave.

Her friends say that Capt. Philomena (Tony) Pagano has a problem these days. She can't decide whether to spend her leisure time on golf or tennis, but apparently she's so good at both that it will turn out to be a toss-up.

Lieut. Kathleen E. O'Connor, ANCR, former Lettermanite, was back in town this week to visit with some old friends here.

The nurses here were saddened last week by the tragic death of Lieut. Patricia Farrell recently separated from the service after a tour of duty at Letterman. Lt. Farrell had been visiting here that evening and was on her way home when struck by a taxicab and sustained injuries resulting in her death 24 hours later. Her remains were shipped to Downton, Pa., for interment. Requiem mass was offered for her in the Post Chapel on Thursday morning and attended by a large number of her former associates.

There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself.—Louis XIV.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 15, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Wedding Bells

Letterman Chapel was the setting last Saturday for the wedding of June A. Kohlhof of Chicago and Sgt. James D. Davis of the Medical Detachment. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click, and was followed by a reception for the couple at the Recreation Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jasper C. Kohlhof, parents of the bride, were here from Chicago for the wedding.

Last Big Warplane Sale Brings U. S. Over \$6,500,000

Washington (CNS)—The last big sale of surplus war planes by the War Assets Administration, a block of almost 21,000 aircraft, has brought the Government \$6,582,156, according to Administrator Robert M. Littlejohn. Intended for use as scrap or salvage, the planes had an original cost of nearly \$3,900,000,000.

The sale was made after bids had been submitted by private concerns at a public competitive offering. The five companies who purchased the planes have had their bids approved by the Department of Justice and a survey board made up of War and Navy Department officers and other Government agents.

Approximately 200,000 pounds of critically needed aluminum alloy and other metals will be made available to civilian manufacturing concerns as a result of the sale, Littlejohn said.

The planes sold were military types not suitable for civilian use, stated the administrator, and they "have accomplished their role as war weapons." The 3,500 aircraft remaining in WAA stock piles are already being readied for sale as scrap.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VERA STOFFEL
Technician Fifth Grade

Vera Stoffel came to Letterman in January, and says "I like San Francisco so well I'd like to live here the rest of my life." However, there is a little matter that will prevent that—her forthcoming marriage to Bill Davis. The happy event will take place shortly after Vera gets out of the Army in October, and after that her home and Bill's will be in Cleveland.

Vera and Bill met here on the post, while he was stationed here, and the romance, which began with a discovery of a mutual fondness for fruit juice, naturally developed into a mutual fondness, period.

Before she joined the WAC in April, 1945, Vera worked for more than a year in a defense plant in Kansas City, Kansas is her home state, and she went to Topeka to enlist. Her basic training took her to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and her first station was at Barnes General Hospital in Vancouver, Washington, where she did Public Relations work, interviewing men returned from overseas duty and sending stories about them to their home town papers.

When she came to Letterman, she was assigned to the Orderly Room, where she makes up the duty rosters, a job which she has decided is not all sweetness and light, since it involves getting people to do things they don't particularly care to do.

She enjoys skiing and horseback riding, and tells of her first skiing—at Mount Hood, Oregon. "I literally had never seen a pair of skis, but in my first lesson I learned how to fall down, and I got lots of practice at that." Now she's a ski enthusiast.

And judging from the gleam in her eyes when she mentions Bill, that's not all she's enthusiastic about!

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sam Harrison of C-2 is expecting a distinguished visitor one of these days—George Mardikian of Omar Khayyam restaurant. Mr. Mardikian is an old family friend, and when Sam's parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, he flew to Fresno specially for the occasion.

Sewell Glines of E-1 was just commenting that it was a dull day, "nothing going on" when Jerry the talking dog arrived on the ward and things started happening. John Cowie, Vase Gemette and Francis E. Behm were in the group that had their pictures taken with Jerry before he went into his act.

A poker threesome on ward F-2 included Dan Madson, Enrique Brizula and James Graham. They kept telling themselves that they were teaching Enrique how to play, but to an eyewitness it looked as though he had them on the ropes. Only thing wrong with the setup was that it was a poker game with no chips.

Norman Herman of F-2 is ambulatory again after several months as a bed patient, and is enjoying himself accordingly.

On F-1 Ingram Burnett and George Davis have a rummy game going that practically amounts to a tournament, with scores for previous games available for the record.

Jack Vanderkar (and don't call him Calvin even if it is really his first name) says he refuses to take sides in the battle raging on ward C-1. The battle is on the issue of hillbilly versus swing music, and so far the score is about even, so some of the neutrals will have to come in with their opinions.

Hope Fletcher of ward F-2 is alternating his reading between "Feather Merchants" and "Centennial Summer" for variety. He says he thinks he was named Hope because his father hoped he'd be the last of the family. What an idea! There were only ten other children.

Richard Hick of ward C-1 went to San Mateo last week to see the hobby show there and was proud of the Letterman entries. He admits he didn't have anything entered himself because the rug he was working on got stymied on account too much furlough. He wants to make a rug with the 2425th headquarters patch (Hawaiian) as a central motif. And yes, they do play tricks with that name Richard Hick—they call him Doc, Dick or Hick, or Doc Dick Hick. Try that one over fast!

Salvadore Gallo of F-2 is busy copying a brown leather purse for a friend of his, and says it will take him about three or four days. He goes at the work like an expert.

Arthur Nunez of E-1 is doing a little reminiscent painting these days. He just finished an oil of the Arizona desert (he's from Phoenix, Arizona). And he recently did one of a lighthouse for Harold Schroeder, also a patient on E-1.

Leo Dierks, Jr. of F-2 claims that ward is the No. 1 chess ward of the hospital. Any challengers? Leo and his pal Dan Morgan are partial to chess and cribbage, too, with just a little time out for weaving wool scarfs.

John Rasmussen of F-2 takes time between his bouts of chess to brood over the sad plight of Sad Sack as collected in "The New Sad Sack," and judging from his expression while reading it's a tough world.

Lope Boje of F-1 is working on a good-looking black-and-white leather purse. "Good way to pass the time," he says.

John Holmes comes over from ward 2 to play cribbage with Earl Henderson on C-2, and as the game goes on they both like to stop and argue with the nurse. Just a friendly argument, natch!

Million Men Wearing
Uniforms Illegally,
Army Officials Fear

Washington (CNS)—As many as a million headaches for the Army are circulating around the country in the shape of men wearing Army uniforms illegally, according to Brig. Gen. D. M. Bryan, the Army's provost marshal general.

Many of the men still wearing khaki never had a right to it in the first place, he indicated—some of them simply bought their military garb at civilian stores with no questions asked.

Men separated from the service are authorized to wear their uniforms with full insignia on the trip home, and have 90 days in which to get home. But there is little disposition by civilian authorities to quibble over whether a uniformed man actually is traveling, or even whether he ever was in the army. As a result, the Army fears many men, illegally uniformed, are taking advantage of reduced entertainment rates for GIs, using USO and service centers, and buying railroad transportation at the low furlough rate.

ON THE SPOT



LEWIS PLATT
Sergeant

When you notice the interesting ring Lewis Platt of ward 40 wears, he'll tell you his father found the stone, which is jade and magnesium, in their home town of Kemmerer, Wyo., and had rings made for Lewis, his brother and his two sisters. Kemmerer is a coal mining town, but Lewis' family didn't want him to work in the mines, so he became an electrician, and before he went into the Army, he worked in San Diego for Consolidated Aircraft as an electrical installer in the experimental department.

During the war he was overseas 41 months, and saw service in England, Ireland, France, Luxembourg and Germany. After his return to the United States in 1945 he was headed for Lowry Field, Denyer, Colo., to receive his discharge, when he was injured in a train accident which resulted in amputation of his left leg. He was hospitalized at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was later transferred to Bushnell General Hospital. He came to Letterman in June when Bushnell closed.

Of all his overseas duty, Lewis has the fondest memories of England, because it was there that he met Dorothy Plumridge, who on December 23, 1944, changed her name but not her initials to become Mrs. Lewis Platt.

Dorothy is living in Cheyenne, Wyo., where Lewis' family now make their home, waiting for her husband's release from the hospital. And according to Lewis, she sees to it that he never lacks for letters to read.

Lewis has become an ardent stamp collector since he's been a patient, has turned out a handsome leather handbag for his wife, and spends a lot of time reading—but "strictly poetry." His taste ranges from Robert Service to Robert Frost, which is quite a range.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Miss Helen Yallaly and Cpl. Clyde Oliver, who is a Letterman patient, were married Saturday, September 7, in the Post Chapel of Our Lady by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly. Miss Ruth Dean was maid of honor at the wedding. After a wedding luncheon at the Richelieu Hotel, Cpl. and Mrs. Oliver left for a honeymoon in Canada.

"Vacation" is the most popular word-of-the-mouth in the Laboratory. Stella Jackson took off for Las Vegas with her husband, and it is said they are looking for a ranch there. Ann Grassini, Peggy Carver, May Wernick and Bob Ivy are also on vacation, so far destination unknown.

Ralph Bergendorf is taking his departure from the Service Record Section to go back to his studies at San Francisco Junior College.

Esther Grobler hasn't been having too much fun this week, doing all listening and no talking because she lost her voice via laryngitis.

Our deep sympathy goes to Dina Pagnani and her family on the recent tragic death of her husband.

The staff of the Service Record Section are still in a quandary, wondering why Pat Mockbee was told to report to room 106.

Congratulations to Helen Hoffman of Reconditioning and her husband, who will celebrate their first wedding anniversary with a special dinner at the Peninsula's Villa Chartiers.

Good fish stories will be expected from George Hansen of the Laundry when he gets back from that trip to the Feather River country.

The continuous blush worn by "Ace" Guth of the EENT Section all day Monday was genuine sunburn, positively guaranteed not to be the result of exposure to neon lights. She spent the weekend at Forrestville sunbathing and enjoying a trip on the river boat.

Occupational Therapy was happy to welcome Esther Aguado back after the week she spent at home fighting those cold germs.

Rose Prather has returned to the Laundry after a 90-day trip through the western states. She reports that she missed very little and enjoyed herself very much.

THIS TEXAN LOST HER SOUTHERN ACCENT TALKING TO NEW ENGLANDERS



Lieutenant FRANCES E. HARLLEE
Objective—overseas duty.

Although Lt. Frances Elizabeth Harllee, who is in charge of Educational Reconditioning at Letterman, has been at more than a few stations since she entered the WAC February 1, 1943, she has yet to attain her major objective—overseas duty. She says she's still working on it though, and hopes that if it comes, the assignment will be in the European Theatre.

Meanwhile she's "fallen in love with San Francisco," and says the place she's living has a lot to do with that. Shortly after her arrival here she joined a group of WAVES, WACs and ex-WAVES who have rented the fifth floor of a "House with a View" on California street. There are 12 girls in the group who engage in this experiment in community living, and since they are all very congenial, there's never a dull moment. With six bedrooms, and plenty of rooms to spare besides, all completely furnished, the place sounds like a dream of wishful thinking in these housing-shortage days. And Lieutenant Harllee says the view from the windows is nothing short of a dream.

Lieutenant Harllee is from Dallas,

Texas, but life in the Army has made that soft Southern accent practically disappear. Reason: She was company commander for a time of a group almost entirely composed of New Englanders, and "I had to talk so they could understand me," she says.

Before she joined the Army she did personnel work and training for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas. Once a WAC, she spent ten months as an enlisted woman at Camp Forrest, Tenn., then went to officers' candidate school at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She did recruiting for the WAC in North and South Carolina, and was later stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., for a year. An assignment at Camp Blanding, Fla., followed, after which she went to Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Fla., where she was WAC company commander. When Welch closed in June she came to Letterman. She says she likes her work in Educational Reconditioning, but still hasn't given up on getting that overseas assignment.

Tennis and exploring San Francisco are her two favorite sports of the moment.

WAC

T/5 Louise Matzek became the bride of S/Sgt. Gerald T. Davis on Sunday, September 8, in the Letterman Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click. Newlyweds Vivian and Tom O'Neill acted as bridesmaid and best man. After a fortnight's honeymoon, Gerald is being transferred to the Air Corps, and expects to be assigned to duty in Hawaii, where Louise plans to join him later. Louise has been on duty in the Sergeant Major's office, and Gerald was formerly in the Message Center.

T/4 Charlotte Morrison left this week on emergency leave and is now in Texas.

Sgt. Opal Borders Glenn is enjoying a furlough vacationing with her mother at Russian River.

The former Sgt. Cindy Slay, who recently said "I do" when she became Mrs. Bud Willard, wife of Sgt. Willard of the Sixth Army, is now honeymooning with her husband. The couple were married in Wyoming.

The "call of the southland" took T/5 Vivian Johnson to Huntington Park, Calif., and she is now busy with the pastimes that make furloughs memorable.

Martinez may not be far away, but it's home and happiness to T/5 Mary Esani, who is enjoying a week's furlough there.

T/5 Margaret Birrell also went home for her 13-day furlough, to Rocklin, Calif.

The list of ex-WACs from Letterman is growing ever faster, with the following taking off during the past week for Camp Beale and what comes after: T/4 Virginia Pastula, T/4 Bette Byers, T/5 Jamie Baker, T/5 Roma Rusak, T/5 Virda Shindorf, T/4 Ossie Sides, T/4 Cora Holton, T/5 Lucy Johnson, T/5 Delberta Sehring, T/5 Helen Swanson, T/5 Marjorie Taylor, T/5 Olive Lidwell, T/5 Mildred Sittin, T/5 Jennie Urbanowicz, T/5 Irene Veronda, T/5 Rose Silverman, T/5 Nancy Peavler, T/4 Dolores Anderson, T/4 Helen Kelley, T/5 Elizabeth Staszak, T/5 Judith Smith, T/5 Patricia Quinn, T/5 Marinell Roberson and T/5 Cornelia DeVries. Their former comrades are wishing them all the best.

MEDICAL DETACH

Seventeen detachment personnel left this week, and all but one will report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for subsequent duty in the European Theatre. The exception is Sgt. James Little, who will go to the Asiatic Theatre. The others are: T/Sgt. Claude King, T/Sgt. Conrad Niemeyer, S/Sgt. Thomas O'Neill, T/3 Stillman Clark, Cpl. Patrick Hager, T/5 Clair Haldeman, Pfc. Anthony Gallagher, Pfc. Daniel Herlihy, Pfc. John Lanting, Pfc. Juan Sanchez, Pfc. Elmer Vernon, Pvt. Lester Bell, Pvt. Clye Dummermuth, Pvt. Jack Gallisdorfer, Pvt. Edward Mawod, and Pvt. Fredrick Seyfarth.

Another group left this week for temporary duty and technical school assignments. T/5 Norman Rosen, Pfc. Richard Andrewson, Pvt. Robert E. Miller, Pvt. Archie Branch and Pvt. Kurt Liebfritz went to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Col., for training as X-ray technicians. Pfc. Herber Yamate will have twelve weeks of study at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., before returning here as a pharmacy technician. T/5 Teddy Stone and Pvt. Henry Kusse also have a twelve-week course in prospect, for medical technician and dental technician respectively, at Wakenham General Hospital, Edinburg, Ind.

M/Sgt. Joseph Funston is following his recent golf triumphs with a 15-day furlough which he plans to spend in southern California.

It may not look like a long distance to some of us, but to T/3 Alden Sage, it was quite a trek back from Oakland, because it was the end of a furlough!

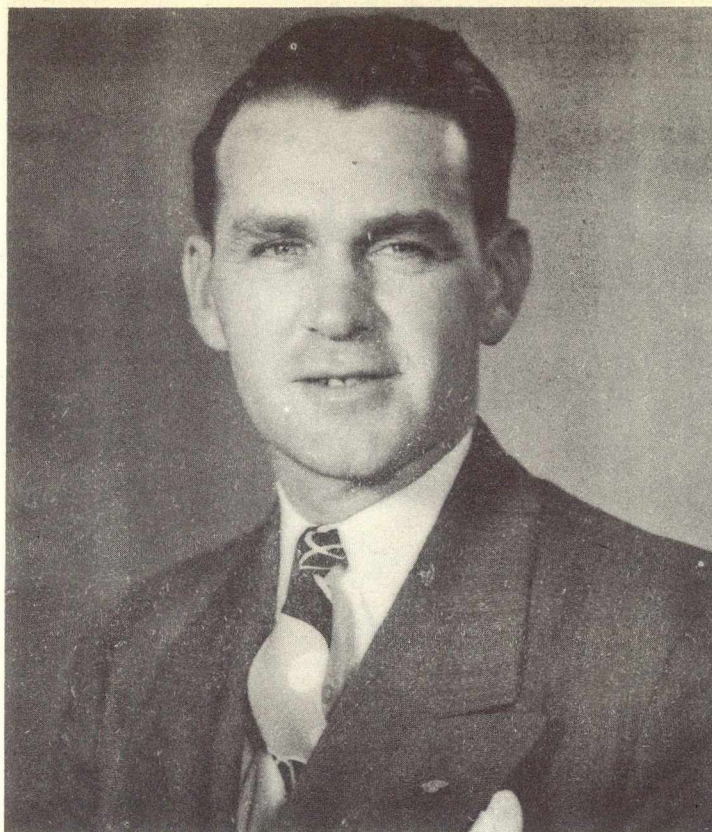
Pfc. John Summers, Pvt. David Mendoza and Pvt. Glenn Wilds are all off for a furlough visit to their home towns.

S/Sgt. Jesse McCaleb of Reconditioning is back from furlough, and got a special welcome from the softball team.

T/4 Chester Wroblewski is back on duty after what he reports as a great vacation in his home state of Michigan, and T/5 Charles Earlenbaugh is also a furlough-returnee.

Father to Son: "It's none of your business how I met your mother, but I can tell you one thing—it certainly cured me of whistling."

MEET THE GENERAL MANAGER OF LETTERMAN'S POST EXCHANGES



WILLIAM M. HENDERSON
General Manager, Letterman Branch, Bay Area Exchange.

The tall, dark and handsome young man under the snap brimmed hat worn in the approved Dobbs hat advertisement manner is a comparative newcomer to the Letterman scene but is rapidly extending his acquaintances in all sections of the command.

He is William M. Henderson and he is the general manager of all departments in the Letterman branch of the Bay Area Exchange. Mr. Henderson brings to his position a long experience in merchandising gained prior to the war and even during hostilities when he was connected with the Exchange service at Camp Roberts in a civilian capacity before he donned the uniform.

His military life began at Drew Field in 1943 and he stayed there for two years before going overseas for duty in the Mediterranean Theatre. He emerged from the army in 1946 as a staff sergeant which grade immediately stamps him as one of the non-coms who really did some work. In the Air Forces the grades are listed from staff sergeant up and the man at the bottom always does the work anywhere.

Mr. Henderson joined the Letterman Exchange staff just when the change over was in the making, and that new order involved an amalgamation of all the exchanges in the several installations in the bay area. It was something new for the army and it needed men of broad experience to make it a success. It would appear that Mr. Henderson had all the qualifications and to date he has demonstrated his ability to shake out the "bugs" inherent in any project that is a departure from the established course.

One of his assets is a long stride and he needs it to get over the ground and keep in close touch with all departments of the exchange every day. As a veteran he might be able to buy a surplus jeep but with the parking situation here being what it is Mr. Henderson says he makes better time walking all over the post.

And for the ladies among our readers we should mention that in 1942 he was married to Miss Geraldine Torrieri at San Luis Obispo. They have no children.

Anything For A Laugh

A motorist in Louisiana found the bridge over a stream washed away by a recent storm. A native sat whittling a stick nearby.

"How deep is this stream?" asked the motorist.

"Dunno."

"Think I can drive through it?"

"Sure thing. Why not?"

The emboldened motorist drove head on into the stream. His car promptly sank out of sight, and he himself barely got out with his life.

"What do you men by telling me I could drive through that stream?" he cried furiously. "Must be ten feet deep!"

The native scratched his head. "Can't understand it," he admitted. "The water is only up to THERE on the ducks!"

At a West Coast port recently a Navy doctor intercepted a sailor who was carrying aboard a rather unusual pet, a baby skunk.

"You can't take that below decks," the doctor ruled. "Just think of the odor down there."

"Oh, that's all right," the sailor assured him, "he'll get used to it, same as I did."

Old Lady: "Son, can you direct me to the Peoples' Savings Bank?"

Boy: "Yessum, for a quarter."

Old Lady: "Isn't that a mighty high pay, my boy?"

Boy: "No ma'am, not for a bank director."

Freshman—"What kind of oil do you use in your car?"

Sophomore—"Oh, I usually begin by telling them I'm lonely."

A slightly tipsy gentleman walked into the Western Union office, spent three or four minutes in deep thought, and wrote this message:

"Tra la, tra la, tra la, tra la."

He signed it and presented it to the lady behind the counter. She counted the words.

"You only used eight words, so you can add two more for the same price."

The man looked over the message without comment.

"What would you suggest adding?" he finally asked.

"How about 'tra la'" she said hopefully.

"No," he said firmly, "that would make it sound silly."



By Sgt. Clarence T. Smith

Amateurism, in the strictest simon-pure conception, faces its most serious challenge from the freely-flowing gold being poured into America's post-war sports boom—a boom spreading rapidly to other countries.

"Sports for sport's sake" is being undermined insidiously by a vicious combination of interests, some perhaps unthinking accomplices to the act. Involved are an increasing number of gamblers, college alumni over-zealous in their efforts to see their alma mater represented by champions, and educational institutions eager to supplement endowments and other sources of income with the gate receipts from major athletic attractions. Finally, of course, there are the big-name athletes not deaf to the tinkle of silver.

The situation is neither new nor normal. Proselytizing and subsidizing of athletic stars has been a steadily expanding influence in collegiate sports during the past 15 years. But in an America that is ever becoming more sports conscious, and in which billions of dollars are spent annually at sporting events, the inevitable struggle for the big money is wearing away the bedrock of amateurism—that is, competition for the sheer love and glory of the game or the race.

That many leading colleges and universities are engaged in a frenzied scramble to lure the best athletic talent made available by releases from military service, is scarcely "top secret" information. A sweeping indictment of all schools on such an allegation would be an abuse of the privilege of judgment. Undoubtedly a great many, if not the majority, of educational institutions still operated on the principle that there are more important forms of learning than knowledge of how much winning teams can enrich school treasuries. They should not be victimized by schools doing the subsidizing.

Outbursts against violations of the amateur code serve a necessary function if they tend to curb the trend toward open professionalism,



THIS IS THE GI JILL

Man alive! Here's that pretty purveyor of the "GI Jive" and "Jill's All-Time Jukebox," cheek to cheeking it with that old Armed Forces Radio Service mike. She's heard daily over KLGH, 12:15 to 12:30 p. m.

which now is being suggested by certain critics, as a desirable alternative to convert bribery of athletes with scholarships and bogus jobs at good salaries.

Indicative of the deviation from the simon-pure conception of amateurism is the recent raging controversy between foreign representatives on the 1948 Olympic Games Committee over the question of whether athletes should be paid for time lost from their jobs while competing in the classic. France is the staunchest exponent of the plan. England threatened to abandon the competition if the proposal is adopted. Sweden moved for the reinstatement of Arne Andersson, Gunner Haegg and other Swedish athletes banned from the 1948 Olympics, contending they should not be permanently debarred because they admitted accepting excessive sums in the guise of expense money.

Railing about compensation to athletes, in one guise or another, is pitifully ineffective. The practice of

making athletics pay for an education was popular a generation ago. It undoubtedly will be popular a generation hence. The remedy must come from other sources. More respect for the ethics of amateurism and less regard for athletics as big business by collegiate officials and alumni would help. But the result might not be winning teams. And coaches are funny that way. Being a good loser is one thing. Having your head lopped off because you are a loser is something else again.

Really, the solution to the problem is quite simple. It depends upon the athletes involved. All that is needed is a return to the "good old days" when the zeal for amateurism was little less than a sacred flame in the hearts of men.

But with all that "smart money" floating around—it ain't easy, bub!

"I'm forgetting women out here in the islands."

"I'm for getting them out here, too."

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. High school diplomas were granted last week to the following: John Siliznoff from Kerman, California; Raymond Darrah from Kent, Ohio; Palmer Anderson of Lisbon, North Dakota; and Mattye Frederick from Louisville, Kentucky. These diplomas were granted on the basis of the General Educational Development Tests which are administered at the Educational Reconditioning Office, and the Form No. 47 (Application For Credit For Educational Achievement During Military Service). Most high schools will grant two credits for Basic Training alone, plus credits for Service Schools attended. These credits are also applicable toward college lower division work if you already have your high school certificate. Drop in to Reconditioning for further information.

2. The American Legion has made it possible for patients to take, free of charge, correspondence courses through the University of California. Just to list a few of the courses: Basic Principles of Drawing, Personnel Management, Aeronautics, Diesel Engines, Machine Drawing, Creative Writing, Verse, and languages.

3. A few copies of *The Chemistry of Organic Compounds* (Revised Edition) by James B. Conant are available at Reconditioning, on a library-loan basis.

4. The LGH Choral Group will be trilling such songs as: *Tea For Two*, *Yours Is My Heart Alone*, Victor Herbert Favorites, *Come To The Fair*, *Morning, Wake Thee Now Dearest*, *Childrens' Prayer* from Hansel & Gretel, *Indian Love Call*, *Allah's Holiday*, and others. This all takes place in Bldg. 1049 (under Ward R) every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00.

A beginner's class in Music Theory will start next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 in Bldg. 1049.

5. Transportation will leave Bldg. 1039 at 8:30 on Thursday, 12 September, for all new students taking their entrance examinations at the San Francisco Junior College. Former students and new students will go to the school on Monday, 16 September to register. Application blanks may be picked up at Educational Reconditioning. Be sure to have all of your transcripts of credits with you when you go to register. School starts Monday, 23 September.



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Patients To Enter Model Planes in Annual Contest

Members of Letterman's Model Airplane Club are planning to participate in the Third Annual Model Plane Contest to be held Sunday, September 22, at the Polo Field, in Golden Gate Park. They have been invited to do so by the sponsors of the meet, the Aviation Committee of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, and all Letterman patients who are interested in seeing the meet are invited to be spectators.

The event promises to be the largest model meet ever held in northern California, and 10,000 spectators are expected to be present to watch nearly 400 contestants compete for \$2000 in prizes. Spectators will be able to keep up with the progress of the meet by running reports from the "walkie-talkies" and the public address system made available by the Army.

Scholarships totaling \$1000 have been offered by the Standard Oil Company of California, as grand prizes, with a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to the contestant, 18 years of age or under, who flies the fastest time in the regular speed events. Winners of the precision and glider events will each receive a \$250 scholarship. These will be good in any university or college in the United States. Additional prizes valued at over \$1000 will be awarded to contestants in all events, classes and age divisions. They include trophies, free airplane rides in Civil Air Patrol planes, and model aircraft parts and kits.

The contest will have two main divisions, one for tow-line gliders and one for gasoline U-controlled planes. The glider event will be held at the start of the meet, from 8:00



LETTERMAN LIVING LANDMARK

Mr. Caesar J. Michelotti, probably the man with the widest acquaintance at Letterman, and one most favorably known, will doff his apron on Friday and close the meat market where he has given super service for more than five years. For 44 months he was a member of the Medical Detachment and on separation he held the same position as a civilian. Caesar has friends in all ranks.

a. m. to 11:00 a. m. From 11:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. the gasoline U-controlled events will be held, and will be judged for speed, precision, novelty and team-flying.

Last year's meet saw an unofficial speed record set when Al Clarke, 29, of Palo Alto sent his plane streaking through the air at 123.4 miles per hour. Roy Mayes, 28, of the

Aero Modelers Association of Northern California, turned in a winning performance in the precision event last year. Both plan to compete again this year.

The novelty event, added for the first time in 1945 was won by Gordon Shepherd of San Bruno who entered a model of Stanley Hiller's
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Reduction in Force Affects Nearly 300 Letterman Employees

Nearly 300 civilian personnel were affected by the reduction in force directed by higher authority to be carried out here, and all those affected have now received their separation notices. The strength reduction was conducted on the basis of one point for each full year of service, plus five points for an efficiency rating of "excellent." No credits were received for any lower efficiency rating. However, a new directive, effective September 15, provides that in any future strength reduction, three points will be given for an efficiency rating of "very good," and one point for a rating of "good."

Employees who received separation notices last week will be in a working status for two weeks, and an additional two weeks, in a non-working status, will be either on annual leave or leave-without-pay status. This gives the employee 30 days in which to exercise his re-employment rights, so that he will be eligible for transfer without a break in service should he obtain another government position during that time.

Annual leave remaining after the two-week period will be paid in a lump sum in two weeks or a month after termination of employment.

Employees who are being separated may inquire at the Civilian Personnel Branch (Room 315, Administration Building) regarding assistance in securing employment elsewhere. Those who have either a permanent civil service status or a veterans' status are encouraged to contact Civilian Personnel with the view of being reassigned, reclassified or transferred.

Eight Lucky Patients Win Pedigreed Pups at Dog Show

Eight lucky Letterman patients won pedigreed puppies last Sunday at the Dog Show held on the hospital parade grounds, and a ninth pup was awarded as a prize to T/Sgt. Laverne J. Iwig of the Sixth Army for his demonstration in the servicemen's handling class.

The other dogs, unpedigreed and in fact unanimated, because they were made of corduroy, were the novelty "Snoopers" won by two members of the Army Nurse Corps—Lt. Amelia Gillian and Lt. Margaret Williams.

More than 1,000 spectators were on hand for the show, none more eager than the patients who were anxious to win or see who would win one of the dogs to be given away. Tickets for the drawing were distributed only to patients, since they were the guests of honor at the show, and the kennels who donated the dogs wished them to be won by hospitalized veterans.

The show was pronounced great entertainment, with a parade of canine stars led by Gerry, giant schnauzer owned by Gen. and Mrs. Joseph W. Stilwell, exhibitions by obedience-trained dogs, guide dogs for the blind, veterans of the K-9 Corps, and trick dog acts. Also on exhibition were bench show champions of several well-known breeds.

The Collie Club, the Standard Schnauzer Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern California cooperated in putting on the show. Thomas J. Campbell was chairman of the show committee, with Captain Darr Jobe of the Presidio Post Veterinarian Section as co-chairman. Among the donors of the puppies were Drelms Kennels in Novato, Glard Kennels of Aptos, Seedmont Kennels in Hayward, and Mariwill Kennels of Santa Cruz.

Ella Mae Morse, stage celebrity, drew the winning numbers that decided who would get which pup.

This week there were a lot of admiring and envious comments heard on the wards when the dogs were brought in to meet their new owners.

Corporal Henry Brinza of Ward N-2 beamed at his collie pup, and talked about how glad he'd be to take the dog home to his five-year-old son Danny. He expects to leave for home, which is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in about ten days, and with him will go the pup. Henry is going to wait and let Danny name him.



Captain C. R. SYLVESTER
Of Ward 43 and Lady Yana, the collie pup he won Sunday at the Dog Show. That look says they're both well pleased.



Corporal HENRY BRINZA
Of Ward N-2 smiles at the thought that he'll be leaving for home soon to take the collie pup he won at the Dog Show to his 5-year-old son, Danny

Captain Donald G. Dowell of ward 43, whose home is in Prescott, Arizona, says his wife Thelma will be glad to welcome his collie.

Sergeant Nicholas S. Peters of ward 41 will really bring a surprise home to his wife Myrtle in Santa Barbara—he won a St. Bernard puppy, and that's a dog that grows on you!

Lt. Col. Frederick Hallor of ward M-2 will take a cocker spaniel home to Larkspur, California.

The schnauzer puppy donated by Mrs. Robert Ades, president of the Standard Schnauzer Club, was won by Lt. Harry Lawlor of ward N-1.

Pvt. Gerald Stewart, ward 42, won one of the collie pups, and says his four youngsters at home in Everett, Washington, will be anxiously awaiting the dog's arrival. He has a 12-year-old son, 11-year-old twins, and a 7-year-old daughter. His wife Julia came to San Francisco to be near her husband while he is in the hospital, and works at the Presidio Post Exchange.

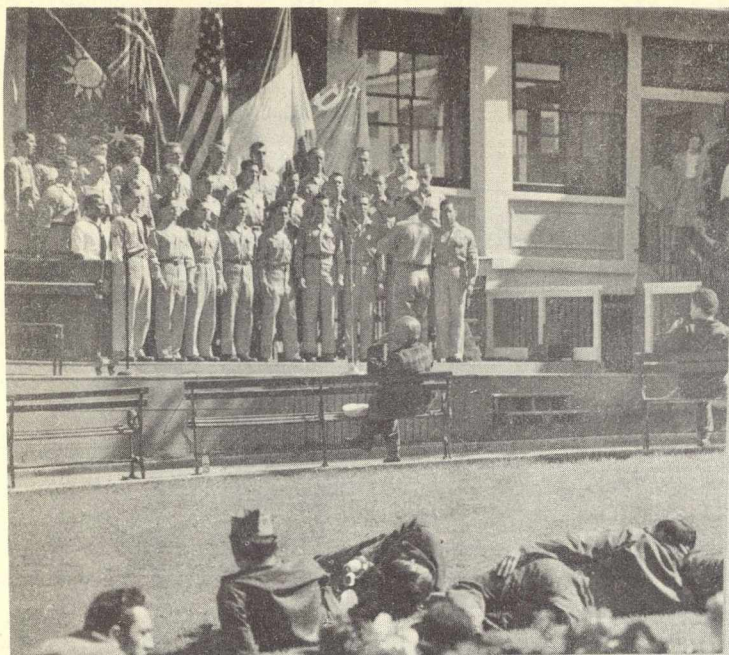
Capt. C. R. Sylvester of ward 43 is now the proud owner of the collie pup "Lady Yana," and since Captain Sylvester's wife is also a patient here at present, he took the dog for a wheelchair ride one afternoon this week to meet Mrs. Sylvester.

On C-2 Pfc. Sam Harrison, who did a lot of advance wishing he'd win a dog, proudly displayed the collie puppy that is to be registered as "Sir Patrick of Glamis." Sam's home is in San Francisco, and Mrs. Harrison has already been over to see and admire the dog. Sir Patrick was a little sleepy when interviewed, and didn't make any statements, but he looked mighty happy.

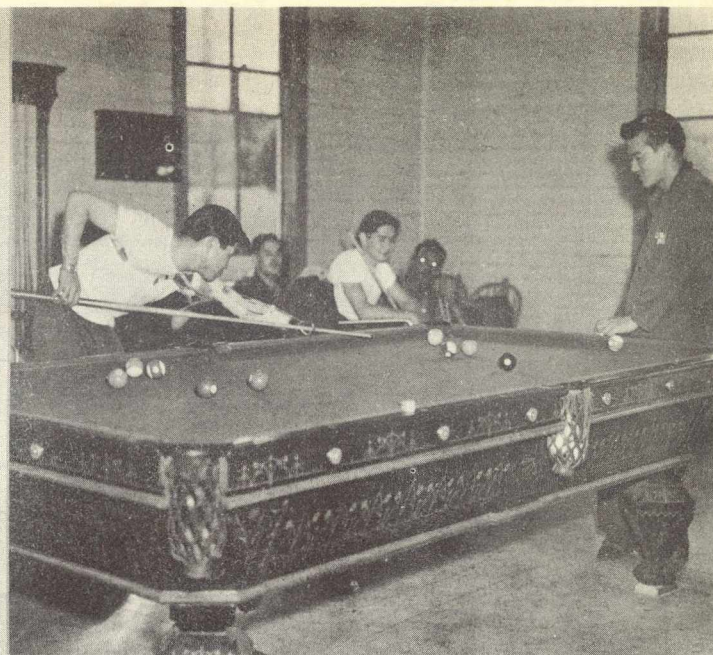
Education is the indispensable means by which the ideas of the men who founded the American Republic can be disseminated and perpetuated. Only through education can the people be kept from becoming greedy and ignorant, from degenerating into a populace incapable of self-government. It is only by education, religion, and morality that the people can save themselves from becoming a willing instrument of their own debasement and ruin. The American republic will endure only as long as the ideas of the men who founded it continue dominant.—Daniel L. Marsh.

What is most needed for learning is an humble mind.—Confucius.

Around and About With The Letterman Cameraman



The International Male Chorus Sings in the Patio.



Patients Give the Eight Ball a Workout



Charles Sonnett Gets a Call on the Portable Phone



Luis Serpas gets a prize for his Plastic Houses, awarded at the San Mateo Hobby Show, from Mrs. James Ramsey.

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EDITORIAL

CHEER UP

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

We was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged — then she died.

Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was badly defeated.

He then tried to get an appointment to the U. S. Land Office, but failed.

He became a candidate for the U. S. Senate, and was badly defeated.

In 1856 he became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and was again defeated.

In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life?—Service Stripe, Walter Reed General Hospital.

Out of the grim struggle we called World War II came the challenge to mankind to recognize its own interdependence. It is a challenge which states simply that we shall either learn to live together peacefully . . . or we shall surely die separately. Life on this planet today is held in the delicate balance of our intelligent and Christian application of atomic energy.—Murry D. Lincoln.

WAC

Lt. Marion Chapin is receiving congratulations this week on her appointment as commanding officer of the WAC detachment.

T/5 Susan Briggs is back from a three-day pass which she spent in Oakland with her mother, who was ill, but is now much improved.

Welcome to three new members of the WAC detachment, who arrived this week from Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The three newcomers are T/5 Viola Mackie, T/5 Toby Paglin, and Sgt. Cecelia Grohosky.

Sgt. Opal Borders Glenn rates sympathetic glances these days because her arm is in a cast, due to a recurring sprain. Already the cast is well-decorated with autographs.

Both T/3 Elva Peterson and T/4 Frances Black enjoyed three-day passes last week.

The road to Camp Beale is being traveled this week by no less than 46 joyous girls on their way to become ex-WACs from Letterman:

T/5 Wawena L. Blackwelder, T/5 Susan J. Briggs, T/5 Shirley M. Burton, T/4 Lida Crowell, T/5 Lucille Delperdang, T/5 Catherine G. Dutton, T/4 Yvonne J. Faucher, T/5 Bessie Ferro, T/5 Bonnie J. Foster, T/5 Manda A. Helgeson, T/5 Virginia Hidalgo, T/4 Ona W. Hodnett, S/Sgt. Florence Johnson, T/4 Virginia C. Johnson, T/5 Mary A. Jones, T/4 Mary C. Joyce, T/5 Arlene Kerns, T/4 Eleanor Keys, T/4 Geraldine Kucharski, T/5 Ivy M. Lash, T/3 Leah Lloyd, T/4 Kathryn Luttringer, T/4 Mary A. McGowan, T/4 Marilyn Mankey, T/5 Dorothy L. Marshall, T/5 Lucille Matossian, T/5 Dorothy D. Miller, T/5 Ruth M. Nelson, Pfc. Edna I. Ogle, T/5 Vera Pakalo, T/5 Clara B. Phipps, T/5 Jean Plehn, T/4 Adeline A. Pozega, T/5 Janet W. Ruel, T/5 Alice M. Salazar, T/5 Ingrid M. Slaasted, T/5 Sylvia Smith, T/4 Nellie D. Smythe, T/5 Zolly Spanos, T/5 Lelia G. Sparks, T/4 Doris Strawn, T/5 Ethelyn Wasson, T/5 Virginia D. Webb, T/5 Opal C. Wells, T/5 Margaret Whitacre, S/Sgt. Elizabeth Williamson.

The basic purpose of the United Nations is to make force the servant and not the master of reason and to reject the ancient and discredited doctrine that might makes right.—James F. Byrnes.



Big news of the week, which applies to "all women members of the Army" is that civilian clothes are authorized for off-duty wear both on and off the post. Capt. Mary Katherine Cuppy of the ANC was one of the first to go shopping for her first post war hat. "They put one on me that had a bunch of chicken feathers in the front, and I had to tell them that I just couldn't take it!" However, she came away with two new hats. Even a long sojourn under an overseas cap can't kill the feminine wish for a new hat, and the screwier the better.

Lt. Violet E. Klein, ANC, has received her discharge, but this new deal on civilian clothes may take the edge off her joy at returning to life without a uniform.

Lt. Audrey Gendron's sister has been here visiting her recently.

Lt. Leila Merrick of the dietitians, who recently received her discharge, also received a promotion to Captain. Her post war plans include a job as dietitian at the Officers' Club of the Oakland Army Base.

The nurses who volunteered in August for temporary duty in Alaska during the diphtheria epidemic there are back at Letterman—that is, nine of them have returned, and the tenth, Lt. Goldie Phillips, is a patient in the hospital at Adak and will return when she has recovered. The others are Lt. Marian E. Martini, Lt. Esther Wieland, Lt. Hazelle I. Wiggins, Lt. Leila R. Plaster, Lt. June W. Paddock, Lt. Mary E. West, Lt. Margaret M. McNamara, Lt. Gladys I. Compton and Lt. Helen R. Hynds. Lieutenant Wiggin tells enthusiastic stories of fun in the Far North, and it seems that none of the girls regretted volunteering. Their work was in a 250-bed hospital. "There was a good deal of rain," Lt. Wiggins said, "but the sunsets were wonderful enough to make up for it. One of the things we had a chance to do up there was spear salmon, and were they good eating!"

Lt. Beverly Wight of the Physical Therapy Department has gone to Camp Beale to be separated from the service, and from there will go

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 22, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

His Hospital Thinking Time Paid Off Well

(CNS)—Last year Lt. Max Twentier was in the hospital recovering from his second Purple Heart, without very much to do except sit around and think. Today Mr. Twentier has a million-dollar business, thanks to that.

Twentier's golden thought was to manufacture gold rings bearing the insignia of Army divisions, as souvenirs for Army men. When he was discharged from the hospital and from the Army, he spent his savings having samples made. These he sent to division commanders and waited . . . and waited . . . and waited.

Nothing happened. Twentier had to eat, so he went back to his old job with the Greyhound Bus Co., in Bisbee, Ariz. He offered his non-existent business to a friend for \$2,500, and the friend said, quickly and firmly, no thanks.

Then one fine Arizona morning, a letter came in the mails, and out of it dropped a piece of paper which said, "Pay to the order of Max Twentier . . . One hundred and fifty thousand and no/100th dollars." It was an order for 6,600 rings for one division. Other orders followed. Twentier had to set up his own factory. His employees, nearly all of whom are veterans, are learning to make costume jewelry on the side. Twentier is depending on costume jewelry to keep his million-dollar business going after the souvenir ring-market is played out.

to Seattle. She plans to go back to school at the University of Washington.

WAC OF THE WEEK



NELLIE SMYTHE
Technician Fourth Grade

There's an extra special reason why T/4 Nellie Smythe is looking forward to getting out of the Army the end of this month. It has something to do with her heart—a romantic affection. She is planning to be married in November, and will travel to Tennessee for the wedding. This is one of the times when touch typing is a good idea, because no doubt when Nellie takes to the typewriter these days in her duties in the Detachment of Patients office, she sees bridal veils and wedding cakes instead of the prosaic letters of the alphabet.

Nellie grew up and went to school in Lake County, California, then came to San Francisco where she attended S. F. State College for a year, intending to teach school. She changed her mind about that, because "teachers seem like such harassed people," she says. Instead she went into office work, and like it. After more than a year with an insurance company, and a year and a half on a job at Richmond shipyards, she decided to join the WAC. "I joined up because I saw a sign 'The Army Needs You!'"

She had her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was then sent back to California to Dibble General Hospital. She was there for a year, working in the Detachment of Patients office, and when Dibble closed she came to Letterman and a similar job.

Nellie is one of six children, and has a sister who is also a WAC. One of her sisters lives in San Francisco, so she feels right at home here. Her favorite pastimes are bowling and horseback riding.

She is very reticent about her romance with her southern suitor, but when she talks about her impending discharge from the Army, there is definitely a gleam in her eye.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

John Jackson of B-2 has a frontier model Colt shootin' iron that belonged to his grandfather, W. B. Jackson, back in the '80s when the latter was one of two U. S. Marshals in Gray Horse, Indian Territory (currently known as Oklahoma). "It's the kind of gun you see the cowboys using in the movies now," he says, "only mine is the real McCoy." Robert Colores, also of B-2, is now busy making a black leather holster laced in red which is going to make a handsome place to keep the Colt.

On C-2 they keep asking Teague (Tex) Wilmer to please quit turning on his bed light after "lights off" to read letters. Or if he must read 'em then, to please read them out loud, so the rest of the ward will be in the know.

Paul Culley of C-2 is just back from a furlough at his home in Las Vegas, and busy with preparations for discharge from the Army. He's specially anxious to get back home again, because in November there will be another Culley in the family.

Frank Soto of C-2 keeps a wistful eye on the pair of dancing dolls he made while he counts the days 'til he can be up again. The dolls are made of wood, and being hung at the head of Frank's bed, they keep an eye on him, too.

William Garfield and Robert Renfrew of B-2 are partners in the construction of a model Ercoupe plane. When completed the plane will be formally christened "Gravel Gertie."

Christian Edmundson, retired first sergeant, came to N-2 as a patient last week, and is entertaining the ward with stories of his 15 years service in China as a Chinese interpreter. He tells of knowing General Marshall, and says he acted as his interpreter on many trips.

Frank Zalusky and Sam Harrison of C-2 fight it out regularly on the cribbage front, and Sam says he can't figure out what it is that makes Frank play like a champ one day and go floppo the next. Frank denies everything, except that he can't help winning.

It takes Morris Price of N-2 two days to weave a scarf if he stays with it, and a week if he does it in 30-minute takes, he says. Anyway, the scarves, in varied patterns of brown and yellow and blue and white, now add up to four. He's making them for gifts for his small

niece and her friends. "After 28 years in the Army, I didn't think I'd be doing this to pass the time," he says, "but it's not bad. In a way I enjoy it."

James Spruell of N-2 likes to listen to his hush-a-tone bedside radio receiver, and has what he calls a "lazy man's method" of changing from one to another of the four channels available. However, the method looked too complicated to be called lazy.

Steven Vrankovich of N-2 was mighty excited this week over the prospect of a visit from Betty Jean Phillips of Dallas, Oregon, and what he wanted more than anything was to get into his uniform instead of wearing hospital reds when he saw her. "I haven't seen her for three years. Last time was just before I went overseas, and she was in the hospital then. Now she's come from Oregon specially to see me, and I want to look good when I see her."

Roy Taylor of N-1 is an ardent devotee of the art of fishing. As he puts it, "If I see a puddle of water that looks promising, I fish." Meanwhile, this being the dry season, with few puddles available hereabouts, he's busy making ammunition for his next battle with the fishes. He has made 70 different patterns of dry trout flies, and they're all reposing neatly in a cigar box awaiting "The Day."

Stanley Brooks, Charles Gleason and R. K. Schlieff are the pinochle threesome on ward 42, and sometimes (just once in a while, of course) Gleason doesn't make it even when he has 1000 aces to meld. The "R" in R. K.'s name is for Rudolph, in case you're curious.

Carl Davis of K-2 has a new radio, and Russ Nunes says you can't get him away from it. Russ is one of the few patients who was indifferent about whether or not he won a pedigreed pup at the dog show last Sunday. Laddie, his recently acquired Dalmatian, is always waiting for him at home in Oakland, and that's good enough for Russ.

The year was 1980. Diogenes was still looking for an honest man. He met Mr. Average Guy. "What," he asked, "were you in the global war?"

"A private," was the answer.

Diogenes blew out his lamp and went home.

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH JOSEPHSON
Staff Sergeant

Don't be surprised when some day in the future Joseph Josephson of ward C-2 breaks out in print with a cartoon strip. Because he has an original idea for one, and all that now remains to be done is to get that idea down on paper. It sounds like a natural, and has a really different slant.

Ever since J. J. has been a patient at Letterman, which has been since just before last Christmas, he's been known as an artist, and his fellow-patients and other friends keep besieging him to give them one of his pictures, but what he wants to do most is that cartoon strip. He works in pen-and-ink and in water color, and says one of his main difficulties is getting people to pose for him. He tears up a lot of his work because he isn't satisfied with it.

His home is in Minneapolis, Minn., where his wife Catheryne and his two-year-old daughter Estelle are waiting for him. Before the war he worked as a die-cutter in Minneapolis, and also studied investigation work, including finger-printing and typewriting analysis. He has now decided that he wants to change over to art work, and has a job waiting for him doing commercial art in Minneapolis when he gets out of the Army.

His Army life began when he was stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn. He was then sent to Bermuda, and after 18 months there returned to the States. After duty at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Pickett, Virginia, he was sent overseas, and his overseas assignments took him to Hawaii, Guam, Leyte, the Ryukus, and Okinawa, and after being hospitalized at Guam and Hawaii, returned to the United States and came to Letterman.

Love makes the world go round—with that worried expression.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gone but not forgotten by his many friends here at Letterman is Bob Bement, supervisor of Police and Personnel Section since his discharge from the service last October. Bob left last week, and after a week's vacation will take up similar duties at the Veterans' Administration in Oakland.

Vivian Wreden of Dental Clinic went to Los Angeles on the Daylight for a week end, during which she took part in the Dental Assistants' clinic there.

The handsome brunette escort "Seb" Malingnaggi had by her side one day last week was her brother, who is now stationed at Oakland Army Base.

When noontime arrives, you can always find Mary Johnson of EENT and Mary Lerner of the Dental Branch in the parade of hungry people on their way to the East Hospital PX, where they devour those delicious hamburgers and accompany them with yummy milkshakes.

Helen Jones of the library has been enjoying sunny days recently at Carmel.

Leonne Brannan says she almost has too many fingers these days. They get in her way when she knits the socks she is making for a Christmas present. Jesse Nicholson advises her to keep calm and "just knit one, purl one."

Visiting her friends at Letterman last week, and looking the picture of health, was "Dotty" Lucian, formerly on duty here. "Dotty" has returned to her dancing career, and some of these days we'll be seeing her name in lights.

"Jackie" Shaffer, dispatcher at the Motor Pool, is doing some extensive traveling. She was last heard from at Look Mountain, Tennessee.

"So you have gone back to your wife?"

"Yes, I didn't realize how much she was worth to me until the judge set the alimony."

Lament: It used to be you could take a girl out and all she wanted was a good time. Now she wants time-and-a-half.

The radio commentator was about to go to bed. He knelt down, turned his eyes heavenward. "Lord," he said, "give me this day my daily opinion, and forgive me the one I had yesterday."

SHE OBEYED THE WELL-KNOWN ADVICE "DON'T WRITE—WIRE" AND IT WORKED



Miss JUNE GRUMSTRUP
Administrative Aide, Military Personnel

June Grumstrup, administrative aide in Military Personnel, is from Clinton, Iowa, but her work as a government girl has taken her from Washington, D. C., to California, with a three-year stopover in Clinton.

After her graduation from George Washington University in Washington, D. C., she was secretary to Senator Clyde Herring. She lived at the Meridian Hill Club in Washington, and enjoyed her work and her playtime equally well.

When she knew Schick General Hospital was to open in her home town of Clinton, she decided to go back there, and was at Schick from the time it started "in just a little house," through three years of its existence. When Schick closed last March, June wanted to come to California.

She obeyed the Western Union ads which advise a telegram instead of a letter, and wired Letterman to find out about possible openings here. An air mail reply from LGH resulted in the arrival of June in April (that's the California climate for you) to

join the civilian staff at Letterman.

Luck was with her and she got an apartment shortly after she arrived. She's enjoying life in San Francisco, though a lot of her leisure time is spent listening to stories of life in Hollywood, as related by an officer from that southern paradise who is a patient here.

June says she would rather dance than eat, and when she and the above-mentioned patient celebrated her birthday recently with a festive evening at the St. Francis, she had a chance to do both. She also likes bowling and tennis.

She is looking forward to a trip home to Clinton for Christmas, not only to see her family and a white cocker spaniel, Corliss, is getting along. A friend from Iowa arrived this week, and will share June's apartment, which has now become so crowded that she would like to find a bigger one. It is suggested that she use those extra-long eyelashes as a weapon of persuasion in apartment-wheeling. They should do the trick.

Sixth Army Softball Tourney Sept. 26-29

A softball championship tournament for men and women from military installations in eight Western states will be held at Camp Stoneman from September 26 to 29, Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco announced this week.

Enlisted personnel, officers and civilian employees are eligible for the tourney, Lieutenant Colonel Stanton A. Hall, Sixth Army Special Service Officer said.

Teams have been entered from the following installations:

Men's—Two Rock Ranch Station, Petaluma, Calif.; Second Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.; McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, Calif.; Camp Beale, St. Mary's, Calif.; Dugway-Deseret Engineer Depot, Tooele, Utah; Stockton (Calif.) General Depot; Corps of Engineers, Sausalito, Calif.; Hanford Engineer Works, Richland, Wash.; Headquarters, Ninth Service Command, Salt Lake City, Utah; Letterman General Hospital and Fort Funston, Presidio of San Francisco.

Women's—Camp Stoneman; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Seattle Port of Embarkation; Fort Lawton, Wash.; Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herlong, Calif. All of the above are from WAC units.

Trophies will be awarded to championship and runner-up teams, and an all-star team for individual awards will be selected in both the men's and women's division.

Patients Hear International Male Chorus

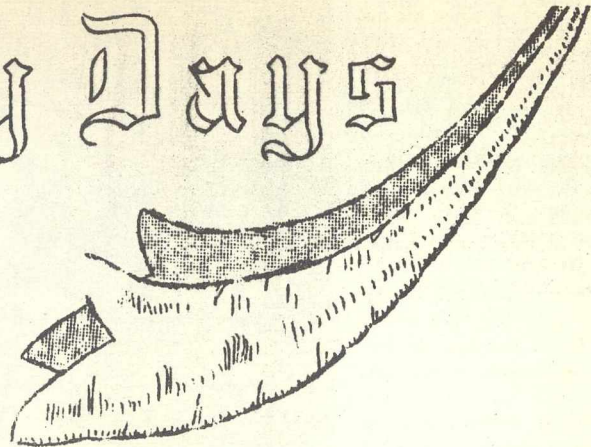
The 30 members of the International Male Chorus, just arrived in San Francisco from Manila, entertained Letterman patients this week with their singing at a patio party, a concert at the "Y," and also sang for bed patients on the wards.

Since its organization last year, the group has given over 100 concerts before an estimated 150,000 service men, reports Lt. Lewis S. Bullock, conductor. They have entertained in the Philippines, Japan, Korea and on Okinawa.

Both Army and Navy are represented in the chorus, and their repertoire includes classical, cowboy, and popular songs. Letterman was their first stop on a projected tour of Army hospitals and camps.

High Holy Days

SEPT. 25th (Sundown).....	Erev Rosh Hashonah
SEPT. 26th.....	1st Day Rosh Hashonah
SEPT. 27th.....	2nd Day Rosh Hashonah
OCT. 4th (Sundown).....	Kol Nidrei
OCT. 5th.....	Yom Kippur



The Jewish community of San Francisco, Oakland, and Peninsula in cooperation with the National Jewish Welfare Board extends its welcome to all patients, detachment members, and officers at army, navy and veteran hospitals in the Bay Area. Arrangements have been completed for attendance of such personnel at the Temple or Synagogue of their choice. Home hospitality, including meals and lodging has been arranged for those wishing to remain away from the hospital during the holy days. PHONE Graystone 1245 for complete details or contact Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, JWB representative, on the day he visits your hospital.

NOTE: For those patients confined to their beds or wards during the holiday, special visitation committees will visit them on the first or second day, bringing community greetings and a special High Holy Day gift for each patient.

PLACES OF WORSHIP:

Reform: Temple EmanuEl, Arguello and Lake St., San Francisco
 Temple Sheareth Israel, Webster and California, San Francisco
 Temple Bikur Cholim, San Jose
 Temple Beth El, Berkeley

Conservative:

Temple Beth Sholom, 14th and Clement, San Francisco
 Temple Beth Israel, 1839 Geary, San Francisco
 Sunset Jewish Institute, LDS Church, Lawton and 22nd, San Francisco
 Temple Beth Jacob, Creek Rd., Menlo Park
 Temple Beth Israel, Alameda and Oak, Alameda

Orthodox:

Chevra Thillim Cong., 751-25th Ave., San Francisco
 Anshe Sfard Cong., 1190 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco
 Bnai David Cong., 3535-19th Ave., San Francisco
 Beth Hamidrash Cong., 1057 Steiner St., San Francisco
 Mogen David Cong., 3514-4th Ave., San Francisco
 Keneseth Israel Cong., Webster Ave., San Francisco
 Or Torah Cong., 1365 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco
 Beth Israel Cong., 1630 Bancroft Ave., Berkeley
 First Hebrew Cong., Chumalia and E. 14th, San Leandro

ALL MILITARY SERVICE:

An all-military service, open to all service men in the area will be conducted by Chaplain Alfred Barnston at the Day Synagogue of Temple Beth Israel, 1839 Geary St. in San Francisco. Services will begin at 1930 in the evening and 1000 in the morning.

JEWISH NEW YEAR CARDS:

New Year cards may be obtained gratis from Rabbi Kumin, the JWB office, or at the hospital chaplain's office.

Warming The Bench

Euphonious names for horses, expressing the fond hopes of owners, usually turn into sour notes at the pari-mutuel windows. The late Col. E. R. Bradley, whose recent death removed one of the most colorful and forceful figures in the history of the American turf, told the world of the final big goal of his life in just two words. But Burning Dream proved a heart-breaking disappointment trying to carry the Colonel's silks to a fifth Kentucky Derby triumph in the 1945 running of the classic.

Perhaps once in a century some fancy-named horse hits the jackpot. In the long scroll of turf history, when it is reviewed for the final time, possibly no horse will prove to be more aptly named than Eternal Reward, the little brown colt which on August 24 won the \$102,-250 American Derby at Chicago. Eternal Reward paid his backers as a 101 to 1 shot—\$205.60 for \$2—and returned \$83,450 to his owners, Louis Augustus and Charles "Jack" Nahm, who entered the racing game only two years ago and bought the son of Reaping Reward-Forever Yours for \$12,000. The winner's time of 2:02 3/5 clipped a fifth of a second off the American Derby record.

Football's Honor Roll for the Ages will give a high place to Fielding H. (Hurry-up) Yost, Michigan's "Grand Old Man," who died last August at the age of 75. Yost was, and will be, to Michigan football what the immortal Knute Rockne is to Notre Dame—a deathless symbol of the will to win, supplemented by genius and tempered only by the finest ideals of sportsmanship. Like Rockne, Yost was a driver, a relentless task-master, whose Wolverine teams from 1901 through 1905 won 55 games, tied one and lost only one decision, by a 2 to 0 score. His Michigan team defeated Stanford in the first Rose Bowl game in 1901. The score was 49 to 0 and Yost used only 11 men.

Robert Burns, the Scotch poet, put it more neatly than it ever had been phrased before or since when he said: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Still, even he might have coined a more stinging phrase to apply to the contemptible crassness of Washington fans who jeer at Cecil (Cy) Travis. In 1941, his last year before entering the Army, Travis

batted .359 and drove in 101 runs for his best year in the majors. During nine years with the Nats he batted under .300 only twice. He distinguished himself as a fine team player.

But Travis came back from the war with badly-crippled feet—the result of freezing in the German campaign. Courageously he has been trying to fight his way back to the top, without whining about his handicap. It seems that fans might cheer, not jeer. And that goes also in the case of Hank Greenberg. When Hammerin' Hank enlisted he was baseball's highest-paid player. He distinguished himself in the Army Air Forces and returned, after an absence of more than four years, to provide the decisive punch in Detroit's pennant drive. Then he sparked the Tigers to victory in the 1945 World Series. And now the 36-year-old Hank, twice voted the most valuable player in the major leagues, is being booed unmercifully for the lapses that hint the close of an illustrious diamond career.



ANOTHER COLUMBIA "LOOK OF THE MONTH"
No wonder the bulls and the bears are once again playing the stock market, with lovely Leslie Brooks graphing such a perfect figure for photographer Eddie Cronenweth. Appropriately enough, her latest film is titled "The Man Who Dared."

MORE ABOUT PLANE CONTEST

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famed Hillercopter. Second place went to Ray Spinelli of South San Francisco who entered a large model of the four-engined C-54. Jet-propelled and possibly radio-controlled models are expected to be entered this year.

Youngest entrant of the day is expected to be 3½ year old Richard "Sunny" Churchill of 3803 Midvale avenue, Oakland, who will enter a plane specially designed and built for him by his father. His father, Robert Churchill, is president of the East Bay U-Control Flyers Association, and will also compete in the meet, entering a large model of the famed army interceptor, the Lockheed P-38. Mr. Churchill, the boy's mother (and one of several women model-plane flyers in the Bay Area) will also compete.

Transportation will be available for Letterman patients who wish to attend the meet.

RECONDITIONING SAYS

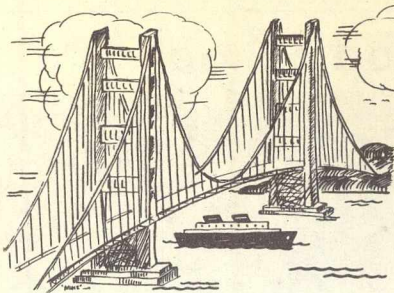
In answer to many inquiries about Diesel: USAFI offers four correspondence courses beginning with a basic course, Principles of Diesel Engines, and right on through to Diesel Engine Maintenance and Repair. Duty personnel may take as many courses (as long as they are completed) as they like while in the service by paying only the initial enrollment fee of \$2. Patients are eligible to take two courses at the same time.

Last Friday afternoon the Information & Orientation Section brought out to the Crissy Theater for a special discussion program a very interesting speaker, Mr. Thomas L. Harris, who conducted this meeting on the topic of the Soviet Union. Officers and enlisted personnel of the post were invited to attend the meeting, which drew an audience of well over 100.

Mr. Harris was born in England and educated at Cambridge University. He is now an American citizen, and has served for 15 years in the ministry of the Episcopalian church in this country. As he explained in his introductory talk, his acquaintance with Russia was made through two visits. The first of these visits was for the purpose of investigating the condition of religion in that country, and the second, which was the longer, to revisit the people out of friendship. Following his talk, Mr. Harris answered as many questions from the group as time permitted.

The meeting, which lasted one hour, was arranged by Mr. Watson and Cpl. Binion of the I & O staff. According to them, there will be many more programs of this nature in the near future.

Congratulations to the following for receiving their high school diplomas this week. Pvt. Neal G. McClain from Loretta, Tennessee, S/Sgt. Leon M. Lambert from Kirksville, Missouri, and Cpl. Arthur E. Maki from Sand Coulee, Montana. These diplomas were secured as the outcome of successful completion of the General Educational Development Tests, administered through the Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. No. 1039.



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Sixth Army Agencies Will Cut Expenses

Sharp cuts in expenditures by all installations in the Sixth Army area have been ordered by General Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, the commanding general, to comply with recent economy orders issued by the War Department.

This action followed President Truman's letter on August 1 to the heads of all the executive departments and agencies requesting cuts in expenditures to combat inflation.

The President specifically asked a \$1,650,000,000 reduction in military expenditures for the 1946-47 fiscal year, saying he believed this adjustment could be accomplished without impairing the effectiveness of the military establishment.

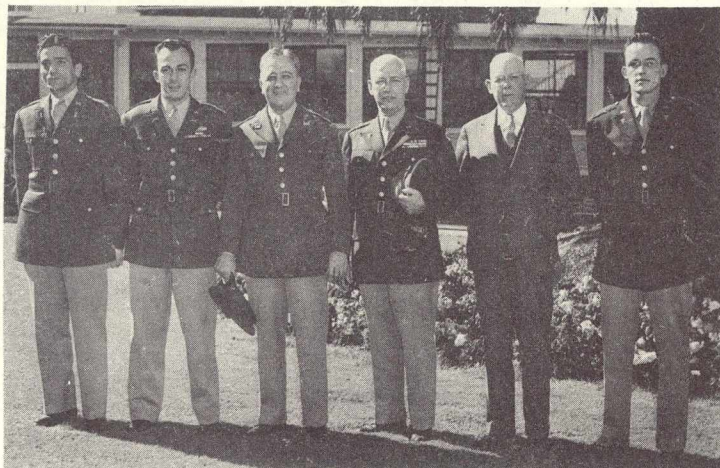
Reductions will be felt most by Sixth Army agencies concerned with providing transportation, signal, medical, engineering, and recruiting services.

The cut in signal funds will mean elimination of all long distance calls and commercial telegrams except in extreme emergencies, 30 percent reduction in all telephones, and drastic reduction in photo and film laboratories.

Sixth Army Headquarters is linked with its outlying installations in the eight Western states, with other major Army commands, and with the War Department by the Army's leased wire system.

Economies in recruiting expenditures will mean elimination of the seven large recruiting caravans which toured the Sixth Army area to exhibit materiel of the various branches of the Army and the technical services. Displays arranged for three months in advance have been cancelled.

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MEMBERS OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY
Meet with General Hillman to talk over recent Grand Chapter. L. to R.: 2nd Lt. Haig Cantarian, 1st Lt. John T. Feilen, Col. John C. Low, Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Col. Julius G. Newgord, 1st Lt. James W. Holloway.

SIGMA CHIS MEET AND REMINISCE

Six members of Sigma Chi Fraternity met at an informal reception held this week in Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman's office. General Hillman told the group interesting details about the Grand Chapter of the fraternity which he attended recently in Chicago.

During the chapter General Hillman was among the members of the fraternity awarded the Significant Sig for outstanding accomplishments which brought honor and prestige to the name of the fraternity.

Three of the members present at the meeting here are now patients at Letterman, one is a member of the hospital staff, and one is a retired Army officer. They reminisced about college days, and told of experiences in the military service.

After their talk, the group went to the hospital patio, where they were photographed. They were: Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, U.S.A., (Commanding General, Letterman

General Hospital), Omega Omega Chapter (University of Arkansas) 1907; Colonel Julius G. Newgord, U. S. A., Retired, Alpha Sigma Chapter (University of Minnesota) 1903, 3420 Broderick Street, San Francisco, Calif.; Colonel John C. Low, C. E. (patient), Omicron Chapter (Dickinson College) 1910, Civil Engineer, 2410 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, Calif.; 1st Lt. James W. Holloway, M. C. (duty personnel LGH), Beta Pi Chapter (Oregon State) 1942, 6548 S. E. 30th Avenue, Portland, Ore.; 1st Lt. John T. Feilen, Infantry (patient), Beta Upsilon Chapter (Washington State) 1942, 3117 S. E. Ankeny Street, Portland, Ore.; 2nd Lt. Haig Cantarian, Ord Dept. (patient), Kappa Chapter (Bucknell University) 1944, 34 Fourth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

It was learned too late that Captain Harold R. Miller, Letterman Post Exchange officer, is also a member of Sigma Chi.

Legion of Merit, Oak Leaf Cluster To Col. Maxwell

The Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, was presented this week to Colonel Earl Maxwell, Chief of Letterman's EENT Section, by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. The award was given in the Assembly Room following the hospital staff meeting.

Colonel Maxwell held the rank of Brigadier General at the time he performed the outstanding work for which the award was given, and in General Hillman's congratulatory remarks he pointed out that Colonel Maxwell was the youngest officer in the Army Medical Corps to attain a general officer's rank during World War II.

General Hillman also said that while overseas during the war, he had the opportunity during an inspection tour to know personally of the work of Colonel Maxwell, and said that his duties had been carried on "cooly, quietly and efficiently."

The citation which accompanied the decoration stated:

"Brigadier General Earl Maxwell rendered exceptionally meritorious service as Surgeon, Island Command, and Commanding General, 32d Medical Center, Okinawa, from January to July 1945. He formulated the plans for the medical support of the initial assault, for hospitalization and evacuation, and for sanitary control of the entire area. General Maxwell's foresight, judgment, and ability to adapt his plans to rapidly changing situations resulted in outstanding medical support which was reflected in the heightened morale and increased efficiency of the troops involved."

New Culinary Tricks Taught at Presidio Food School

One hundred and three soldiers, from privates to majors, are students in the current class of the Army Food Service School at the Presidio of San Francisco, one of six such schools established in major commands throughout the country.

Students are learning tricks of cuisine which range all the way from making perfect doughnuts, pies, and cakes of "gray" emergency flour issue and kitchen-rendered fats to disjuncting a quarter of beef with a simple boning knife.

These and other skills are being taught aspiring cooks, mess sergeants, mess officers, and food supervisors from the scores of installations in the eight Western states comprising the Sixth Army Command, in response to the War Department's recently instituted program of increased technical training for all personnel in Army Food Service.

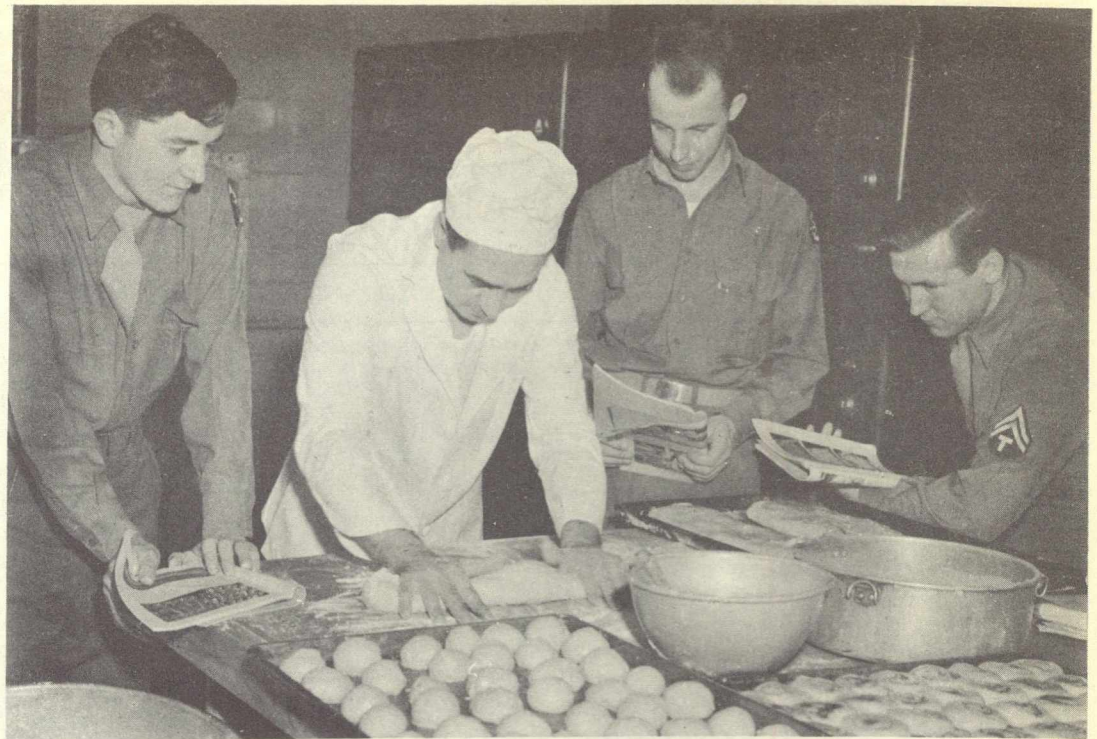
Major Alvin R. Crocker, of Redwood City, Commandant of the Presidio school, called attention to the emphasis the Army is placing on the practical aspect of instruction.

"We are teaching proper food preparation, serving, and utilization by application—by doing," he said. "More than 50 per cent of the student's time is spent either in selected post kitchens or on field trips to food processing plants in the Bay Area. Students observe at first hand the stages and processes of commercial meat packing, dehydration, coffee roasting, and food canning."

Students are invited to submit constructive criticism of the courses, and sometimes they come up with a useful new idea. This democratic method of instruction certainly is a drastic new departure from conventional Army pedagogics, but it reveals the trend in America's post-war Army to modernize and invigorate the technical training of its soldiers.

The results of such training can best be illustrated by a "sneak preview" of the Food Service School at work.

One's immediate reaction to the glaming display of stainless steel and uncluttered work surfaces—just one-half hour before the noon-time serving of 150 hungry men, is that planning on a large scale has placed garrison feeding on a scientific basis, appropriate to the atomic age.



—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Sergeant Lloyd E. Le Duc, of San Francisco, pastry instructor, demonstrating the handling of dough before students in bakery class, part of training given at the Sixth Army Food Service School, Presidio of San Francisco. Students are, left to right: Private First Class Andrew C. Post of Altas, Arkansas; Private First Class Robert C. Lewis of Junction City, Kentucky; T/5 Joe L. Coffman, 2522 Olive Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The luncheon menu is complete from soup to fresh pineapple pie and homemade ice cream. Closer inspection reveals eight hot vegetables instead of the customary two. And twelve salad combinations, crisp and colorful, belie the common conviction that salads are not to a man's taste.

Technical Sergeant Edmund O. Gaudette, of Lowell, Massachusetts, the instructor, explains why the large variety is possible. "We draw two days' issue of perishable foods at one time, and instead of serving it all at once we cook only a small portion, planning the remainder for two or three days' messes ahead. The same goes for meat," the Sergeant continued, "sometimes the men have three entrees—fish, meat, and poultry."

Sergeant Gaudette, due for retirement in October, has spent most of his 23 years' service in Army messes. A French-Canadian by descent, and married to a girl of French origin, he manages the Food Service School kitchen with the characteristic shrewdness of his forebearers.

His students soon learn to respect his conviction that good food—poorly prepared—is a sacrilege and a waste.

In the pastry class, where the breads, rolls, and pastries for the mess are made, a group of white-garbed and capped students watch the nimble fingers of their instructor twirling strips of dough into many shapes.

Captain Samuel C. Nethery, of Bellemine, Alabama, assistant commandant in charge of training, disclosed that the basic sweet dough used in baking all doughnuts, rolls, buns, strudels, snails, and coffee cakes is made of "gray" emergency flour and kitchen-rendered fats.

"We do all our deep-fat frying with rendered fats, too," Captain Nethery said. "Careful blending and straining of salvaged grease and fats eliminates undesirable flavors and possible darkening of the product during baking."

The pastry instructor, Sergeant Lloyd E. Le Duc of San Francisco, with 22 years of Army service to his credit—four of them as post baker

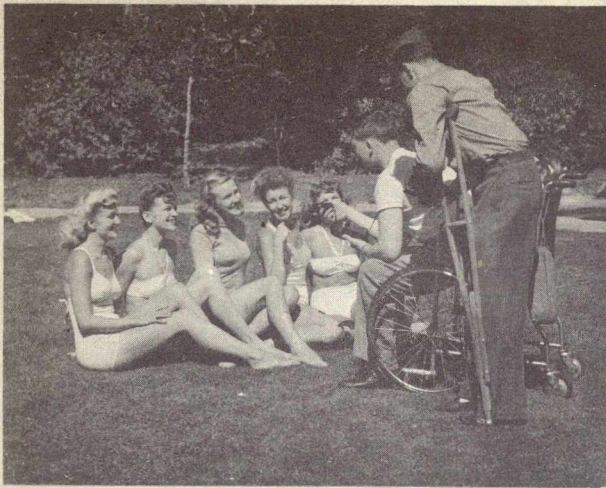
at Fort Douglas, Utah, is one man who learned to appreciate food the hard way.

A prisoner of the Japanese for three and one-half years, Sergeant Le Duc weighed only 85 pounds upon his repatriation in October of last year.

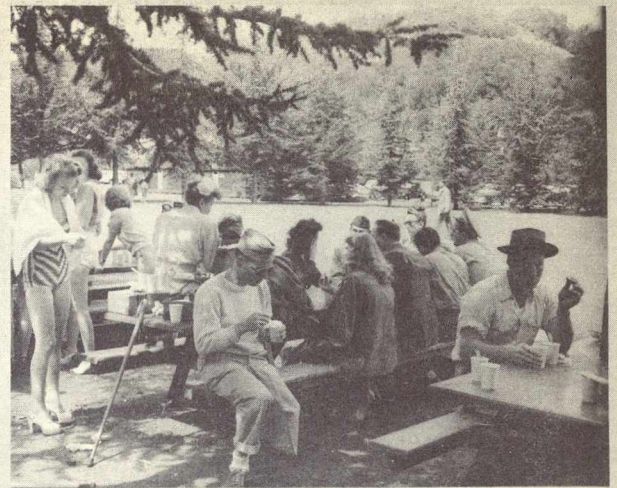
One result of his long incarceration, Sergeant Le Duc said, was a new regard for rice. The prisoners used rice for yeasts, breads and pancakes. The chief value of rice under such conditions was its continued palatability. Men seldom grew tired of it. Sergeant Le Duc recalled that prisoners who were forced to eat food for which they had a pronounced aversion rarely profited by its nutrition content.

A team of instructors from the Sixth Army Food Service School was assigned to Task Forces Frigid and Williwaw during the final two weeks' training at Fort Ord for their far north operations. The intensive review given the task forces' mess personnel earned praise from General Joseph Stilwell, Sixth Army Commander.

Camera Club "Model" Picnic at Adobe Creek Lodge



Dorothy Farrier Models Hear About The Light Meter



Getting Fortified With Food at Los Altos



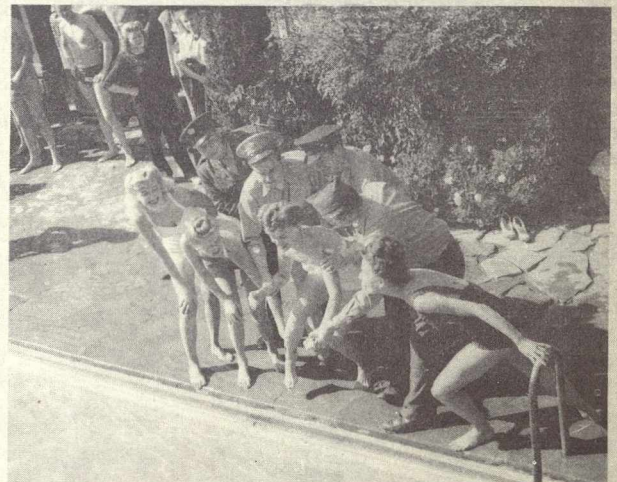
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EDITORIAL

HOW ABOUT YOU?

The average person needs frequent reminders about the necessity for saving money. And it is a real necessity, for hardly anyone goes along for any length of time without an emergency arising for which cash is needed.

But it isn't only for emergencies that saving is useful. Systematic saving can be used to provide the material things you want — both necessities and luxuries.

All of which leads up to a familiar subject — the U. S. Savings Bond method of putting money away. There are two ways of doing this—either by cash purchases of bonds or by the payroll savings plan. The former is good, but the latter is better.

The reason for this is that though you may think you will make cash purchases regularly, more often than not something else comes up and you spend the money for that instead of buying a bond. The payroll deduction plan has the great virtue of regularity.

The Savings Bond Committee lists some of the things individuals want, and that take money to get: Future security, emergency or sickness fund, a home or farm, education for yourself or your children, fund to start a business, retirement fund, household equipment, a car, vacations—and the list can go on, limited only by your desires and imagination.

Probably no one needs to be



Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, M. C., and Major John M. Gracie, PC., pausing here for a few days prior to taking off for their new station in Nanking.

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A letter from Captain Norman J. Cantley, MAC., former C. O. Detachment of Patients, and at the moment Registrar for the 97th General Hospital in the ETO. Other former Lettermanites with that organization are Colonel A. B. Jones, MC., the commanding officer, and 1st Lieut. Margaret Alt, Head Physical Therapist.

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Captain George Bryan, one of our best known ex-patients, back again for a hospital sojourn.

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Lieut. Mary Holke being kissed on both cheeks—by a horse. She really loves horses.

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Colonel Daniel J. Berry, MC., another Letterman old timer, here and gone—but fast.

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Major Leslie D. Snyder, now on sick leave, dropping in to pass around some nicotine-less cigars.

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Colonel William F. Patient, MC, now on the roster here in that role.

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Orders—sudden and unexpected—transferring Major Garnet P. Francis to Camp Polk.

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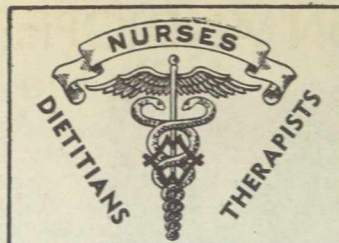
Promotions for—Ben Allen Rutledge, Richard Pomeroy Sutton, Max Franklin Bell, Robert Snyder Hamm, Emmett Leonard Neil, and Kearns Reid Thompson, Jr., all Medical Corps—1st Lieutenant to Captain; Congratulations.

The mother had just finished a lecture to her young daughter on the pitfalls of sin. Then she asked "Now tell me, dear, where do the bad little girls go?"

Daughter smiled winsomely and said "Everywhere."

told that an \$18.75 bond will be worth \$25 in ten years, or that the bonds may be cashed, if necessary, 60 days after purchase.

They really live up to that old one "just like money in the bank."



Lt. Mary Small has been making preparations for a 21-day leave to be spent in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the preparations have been made hectic by her uncertainty about transportation. She's planning to go by train.

Due to an alphabetical error, Lt. Violet Klein was reported last week in this column to have received her discharge. It is not so, and she is still happily on duty in ward 43. Apologies to her and to Lt. Laundie E. Klester, who did receive her discharge. The error occurred because her name on the alphabetical list was just above that of Lieutenant Klein, and it seems there was a slip between the eye and lip.

Lt. Doris Anker is planning to spend her forthcoming 15-day leave luxuriating in Los Angeles sunshine.

Capt. Lois Alfred, probably spurred on by the painting activities going on around Letterman, is using her spare time painting interiors in her family's newly-acquired home in Palo Alto. She may even get to like the smell of paint.

Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy has been welcomed back from her leave, which she spent in Wisconsin. She went East with the intention of getting a new car to bring herself back in, but the car wasn't available yet, so she came back by train. Better luck next time!

Congratulations to the eighteen Letterman nurses who recently received promotions from 2nd to 1st lieutenant. They are: Lieutenants Frances Aragon, E. Ann Brown, Libbie S. Burke, Cecelia M. Cuttherope, Joan C. Feast, Jeanne D. Finnis, Miriam Theresa Krauch, Barbara J. Monroe, Mary K. Mourik, Mary Frances Neeb, Mary I. O'Donnell, Alta L. Owens, Lucille Penland, Virginia I. Peterson, Mary Cecelia Rose, Artrude M. Stark, Margaret M. Williams and Ruth E. Wise.

"What makes Mabel so mad?"

"She stepped on that new weighing machine with the speaking attachment, and it said 'One at a time, please.'"

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 29, 1946 In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Legion of Merit For Deputy Surgeon General

At a ceremony held in the office of the Surgeon General in the Pentagon Building the medal for the Legion of Merit was awarded to Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Deputy Surgeon General, with Major General Norman T. Kirk making the award.

The citation accompanying the award read: To Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, who distinguished himself as Surgeon, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, from June 1942 to June 1943. He organized and supervised the Army Medical installations, services, and personnel of the widely dispersed elements, both continental and at overseas bases, of this command."

Other officers of the Medical Department honored at the same ceremony were Colonel Ralph W. Plem, Colonel Roger G. Prentiss, Jr., and Dr. James N. Greear, Jr.

Good News

President Truman has granted authority permitting the wearing of civilian clothing when off duty to the women service personnel of the Army and Navy, according to the "Army & Navy Register" of Washington.

It was said that the orders, which became effective on 20 September, would create no undue hardship in depleting stocks of civilian clothing, because of the small number of women involved, and also because the women's clothing supply is in less critical condition than the men's.

It is estimated that by October the women's strength of both Army and Navy will be 23,000. Of this total 15,000 will be serving with the army and 8,000 with the navy.

WAC OF THE WEEK



PAULINE HARVELL
Technician Fifth Grade

Pauline Harvell is her formal name, but everyone calls her Polly, and the gay insouciance of the nickname suits her very well. She's wide-eyed and winsome, and she amazes you when she says she's from North Carolina, because where's that No'th Ca'olina accent? She says it probably got lost in the WAC.

Polly has been a WAC since August 1945, and was a member of one of the last companies to receive basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Before joining the Women's Army Corps, she worked at an Army Post—Camp Davis, in Wilmington, North Carolina, and joined up because Army life looked good. And she says she hasn't been disappointed. She's made lots of good friends in the WAC, and has enjoyed their companionship a lot.

Here at Letterman she works in the Finance office, at much the same kind of job she had before she was in the Army. She likes her work and the people she works with, and because of that she definitely isn't one of the WACs who is counting the days until it's time to get out. Of course she admits she does get homesick at times for her family, but she went home on furlough in May to see her parents and her three brothers and three sisters, so that helped.

When Polly gets out of the Army next month, she plans to go home first, then go on to New York City. She says that's partly just because she likes city life, but since there's also a heart-interest named Johnnie who is at present in New York, probably city life isn't the major inducement.

Polly enjoys picnics—especially beach picnics, and she's planning to learn to swim any day now.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

On C-2, Norm Scheu looked up from his book "The Earl of Chicago," long enough to talk about William Saroyan's new one "The Adventures of Wesley Jackson." Says he liked it.

Five patients on F-2 were in the party entertained at Sally Rand's night club this week, and it is reported that all spent the afternoon before the event quite calmly. Sally entertains ten patients each week at dinner at the club, and they are invited to stay for all three floor shows, according to Special Services, and all for free. The lucky five on F-2 were Frank Odell, Ralph Peck, Enrique Brizula, Hazen Shill and Clifton Coffey.

Joseph Josephson of C-2 has just finished a pencil drawing that is getting a lot of admiring comments. It is a study of the head of an old man, and is very effectively done.

There was a dull thud. A body fell to the floor. It happened on ward F-2. No, this is not the beginning of a hospital mystery. It's a report on Sam Burch, who was having a peaceful daytime nap when a nightmare reared its ugly head and he fell out of bed. No injuries.

Beryl Pettit of Ward F-2 saw the film "The Virginian," and then got hold of a copy of Owen Wister's book to see how nearly the two were alike. As is usual in such cases, he found "there'd been some changes made."

Jesus G. Fuentes, who is making himself a billfold, has a novel foot-rest. It started life as a breakfast tray, but is now a foot tray. Probably helps a lot in billfold making.

Daniel Cardilla of ward E-1 is making a handsome lucite tray as a gift for his sister. It's a design of a giant leaf, very gracefully shaped.

There's some story about Robert Mathely of ward C-2 always wanting a certain door kept closed. Whether he always gets his way or not is another story.

Harold Schroeder of ward E-1 is weaving a Sixth Army insignia for a wall hanging. Says this is the first weaving he's done, but it looks like the work of an expert.

In the next bed Arthur Nunez is going in for billfold production in a big way. He has enough leather ready for at least a dozen.

Patients who heard the International Male Chorus this week in their return engagement at Crissy

Theatre had a chance to meet the members of the chorus afterwards at the PX, and told them how much they enjoyed the concert, especially that song "The Drunken Sailor." Harry Rogers says ward F-2 patients who went to Crissy for the concert liked it so much they're likely to start a Glee Club on F-2 any day now.

Bright yellow wool was being unwound and wound up again by Lt. Dorothy Richardson on ward F-2, with the assistance of Vance Davids. Vance, with Lieutenant Richardson as instructor, is about to start knitting a pair of yellow socks. And that isn't all. He's talking about a yellow sweater to go with them.

Sitting in on the poker games on Ward C-2 were Peter Mendosa (otherwise known as The Cisco Kid), Frank Zalusky, Sam Harrison, Alfred Sadamuni and Walter Herrera. Sam was just raking in a pot, and Walter was referring wistfully to a couple of his winning hands.

MORE ABOUT
SIXTH ARMY

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Reduction of engineering service costs will mean, it was explained, cuts in many maintenance functions at active and inactive post, camps and stations. New construction will be eliminated and every post commander has been asked to economize to the utmost on utilities expenses.

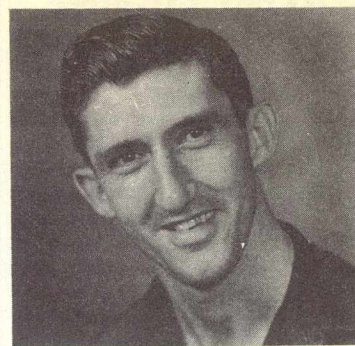
"Smaller transportation outlays," General Stilwell said, "will mean reduction of official travel to the barest minimum. It will mean also that the Army, regretfully, will probably be unable to provide troops, bands, demonstrations, and color guards when requested by communities or veterans organizations."

General Stilwell also said that until definite information is received on the extent of the reduction in funds for civilian payrolls, no figures can be given on the number of civilians to be discharged.

It was indicated, however, that other government agencies would employ Army personnel discharged for reasons of economy.

"The Army will make every effort to assist those who will be discharged to find other employment," General Stilwell said.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN COWIE
Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant John Cowie of ward E-1 joined the Army the day war was declared, December 8, 1941, and says that besides the serious reason he had for joining up, it didn't hurt a bit that a pretty girl was giving out kisses at the recruiting station. It happened in Los Angeles, and the next stop was Camp Roberts, where John remained for a year, and shortly found himself a non-com, training infantry troops.

He was then sent overseas, and was at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, New Britain and in the Philippines. He was wounded at Luzon, and spent four months in the hospital before being sent back to the United States. The ship on which he came back was to have come in to San Francisco, but the orders were changed en route, and John arrived at San Pedro, May 12, 1945. "That was the day before Mother's Day, and I was mighty happy, because the next day my mother came to the hospital to visit me."

John was at Birmingham General Hospital for a short time, then was sent to Dibble General at Menlo Park. He came to Letterman in July.

His wife Bessie and his two sons—Johnnie, who is nearly four, and Robert, nine weeks old—are living in Los Angeles. John's pre-war occupation was draughtsman for the Southwestern Engineering Company. His favorite recreations are all sports—baseball, football and boxing. "I use to box in Los Angeles," he says, "I was in Belle Martell's stables there." He also played football and baseball.

Seventeen months in a hospital bed made John remember the writing he used to like to do, and since he's been in the hospital he has turned out a collection of humorous poems. "Must be because I feel happy, because I've been lucky."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Violet Martin of Officers' Separation Center has just returned from a two-week vacation in Portland, Oregon. Her home was in Portland before she came to San Francisco six months ago, and she enjoyed going back, and was very happy to see her friends there again.

Blondine Toft, who is leaving Letterman this week, is busy with plans for an impending move to a ranch near Sacramento, and is ordering a new car—a club coupe, which she hopes to get before too long.

Stella Jackson of the photo lab returned this week from Las Vegas after a happy two weeks during which among other diversions she renewed acquaintances with three glamorous old friends—poker, blackjack and roulette.

Signe Anderson of the ANC office is hard at work again after a vacation in Los Angeles.

Mary Frew, assistant librarian at Letterman, became the bride of Joseph L. Felty on September 18, and the couple are receiving best wishes for happiness from their many friends. Their plans for the future include a farm in Paradise Valley, California.

Since she was on a week's leave from the Laundry, Frances Perry had a chance to enjoy that warm San Francisco weather at home last week.

Alice Green of Medical Supply is the proud possessor of a new 1946 Chevrolet, complete with radio and heater. Her friends keep teasing her about the speed at which she's putting mileage on the speedometer.

"Red Ryder" has nothing on Martha Phillips of Personnel office. Horseback riding at Yosemite during her vacation, she was "taken for a ride" by her mount—but fast. But she stayed in the saddle, and the runaway gave up trying to get away.

La Honda was the setting for a wienie roast when the boys and gals of the Service Record Section decided to get away from the city. Those who made the barbecue a huge success were: Betty Ross, Agnes Schell, Evelyn Fort and her husband, our barefoot gal Pat Mockbee, Lieutenant Lasseter, Harold Snyder and Ralph Bergendorf. Everyone is now waiting to see the snapshots of the occasion.

"What caused the explosion at your house?"

"Powder on my sleeve."

MISS GRACE EDWARDS, LONGTIME LETTERMANITE, JOINS OUTGOERS



Miss GRACE EDWARDS
Who Left Letterman This Week

It was learned with regret this week that Miss Grace Edwards, one of the Recreation Staff of the Red Cross, has severed her connection with Letterman after almost four years of duty here.

Miss Edwards, with a background of 15 years in recreational and allied work, joined the staff at this hospital in 1942 and very early became a favorite of patients and the duty personnel. Back in those days patients were coming home in large numbers and they arrived at all hours but Miss Edwards managed to be on hand with her Gray Ladies to extend a word of welcome and distribute the fresh milk furnished by the hospital mess.

The Recreation staff was small in those days and Miss Edwards seemed to spread herself all over the expanding hospital to provide entertainment for all the sick and wounded back from the fighting fronts of the Pacific. She had a pleasing personality and it was not long before she counted her friends by the hundreds among the men who had been "over there." Extra hours of duty meant nothing to her so long as she could be of service

and her efforts were greatly appreciated.

Miss Edwards is a descendant of three generations of Californians and has spent most of her life in her native state with the exception of five years as the recreational director at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and that followed two years as director of recreation at the San Fernando Veterans Hospital.

It was part of Miss Edwards' duties here to co-ordinate the work of our beloved Gray Lady volunteers and she endeared herself to that group of splendid women who have given so generously of their time to the patients at Letterman during the long war years. We liked to boast that we had a Gray Lady every day on every ward and that was possible through the harmonious organization in which Miss Edwards played such a prominent part.

Her plans for the immediate future include a period of rest and then she hopes to go into business with her sister somewhere in the bay area. It is pleasant to know she will be close enough to drop in often to be greeted by the many friends she leaves at Letterman.

WWAC

Congratulations to the Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment, who this week received a promotion and is now Captain Marion Chapin.

Miss Bette B. Byers, formerly Sergeant Byers, but now one of the lucky civilians, stopped in to visit Letterman friends one afternoon last week, and was greeted with admiring remarks about her new clothes. Bette reports that she's enjoying her new leisure very much, but it's not completely leisurely, because she practices shorthand daily, is taking Spanish and has begun a ceramics course.

Welcome this week to ten new members of the WAC detachment who arrived from other stations. From Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Ind. — T/5 Mary Lynch, T/T/4 Beatrice Torpy, T/5 Nellie Sheldond. From Burns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico — T/4 Bobbie Gaulding. From Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, Calif. — Pfc. Mary Faucher. From O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. — T/5 Christine McConnell, T/5 Rose Ruscak, T/5 Elizabeth Kirby and Sgt. Violet Collins. From Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill. — T/4 Viola Hocking.

T/4 Dorothy Bennett has been welcomed back to Letterman, having reenlisted after a month as a civilian.

Another newcomer to Letterman is T/4 Dorothy Rosenfeld, who transferred here from Sixth Army detachment.

The sympathy of the detachment is extended to T/5 Vivian Johnson on the death of her father. She is now at her home in Huntington Park, Calif. on emergency leave.

Enroute to Tokyo, having departed this week from Camp Stoneman, are T/3 Thelma Atchison and T/5 Geraldine Eaton.

Congratulations on promotions go to six members of the detachment: Josephine Jacobs, S/Sgt. to T/Sgt.; Florence Scott, T/3 to T/Sgt.; Margaret Brady, T/4 to T/Sgt.; Elma Cain, T/3 to T/Sgt.; Vera Stoffel, T/5 to T/4; Juanita Raggsdale, T/4 to S/Sgt. S/Sgt. Raggsdale left this week for Camp Beale and life outside a uniform.

Also en route to Camp Beale and discharge this week are T/4 Elizabeth Ryan, T/3 Catherine Butcher and T/5 Elizabeth Letzing.

MEDICAL DETACH

Everyone had a big time at the Detachment picnic at Boyes' Springs, enjoying swimming, dancing and horseback riding. The Letterman team won the softball game with the Sonoma Lifeguards with a score of 7-4. Members of the LGH team were: Sgt. James Blackburn, T/4 Harry Haugh, S/Sgt. Jesse McCaleb, Sgt. Charles Malone, Pfc. Lloyd Scheunemann, T/5 Lewis Kolacz, Pvt. Charles Gorman, and T/5 Carl Wise. The Letterman team also defeated the Bethlehem Steel team this week, 8-6.

New Year celebrations find many members of the detachment taking advantage of the holidays.

A hearty welcome to the 74 new members of the detachment who arrived at Letterman this week from Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Pvt. Carlos Sena of the Chaplain's office is meditating these days on that new Buick he may (or may not) win as a result of spending \$1 for a chance on it. He keeps saying to himself "Imagine getting a Buick for a buck!"

5 Cent Air Mail Rate In Effect October 1

Washington (CNS)—When two transcontinental planes go up on October 1, airmail rates will come down. The two cross-country flights will mark the beginning of five-cent airmail rate for the States and, at the same time, the inception of a campaign for an international airmail rate of 10 cents.

In addition, a movement is underway in the office of Assistant Postmaster General Gael Sullivan, to cut costs of airmailing newspapers internationally. At present the price of airmailing a New York newspaper to London is about \$7.50.

Inaugurating the west-east five-cent service, an American Airlines Douglas plane will take off from the West Coast on October 1. On the same day a United Air Lines Fairchild C-82 packet, converted to a flying mailcar, will fly the east-west route from New York to San Francisco.

It is hoped that the suggested 10-cent international airmail can be accomplished through use of a one-sheet, folded letter-envelope. The letter is written on one side and folded, it becomes an envelope, thus saving important weight.

INTRODUCING LETTERMAN'S NEW ASSISTANT POST CHAPLAIN



Chaplain (Captain) Hugh C. BUSBY
Assistant Post Chaplain

Chaplain (Captain) Hugh C. Busby, recently arrived assistant Post Chaplain at Letterman, has been in the Army since July 1941, and his wartime experiences range all the way from learning skiing and snowshoeing to taking part in the Normandy invasion. He was in Normandy with the 2nd Division, Field Artillery, on D-Day plus 2.

After the end of the war in Europe, he enjoyed a nine-day leave on the French Riviera, which he says was to all appearances not much affected by the war, although behind the store fronts the Germans had guns mounted ready for action.

Chaplain Busby was with the 2nd Division for five years. He entered the Army from the Chaplain Reserve Corps in San Antonio, Texas, and was sent to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for winter training. In 1943 he went overseas, and was stationed in the British Isles for six months, in England, Ireland and Wales.

After the invasion in June 1944 he was with the division in France,

Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He returned to the United States in July of last year, arriving at Camp Shanks, New York. He lost no time getting back to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his wife Mary and their nine-year-old daughter Marilyn were anxiously waiting for him.

He says he did nothing on his 30-day leave but relax and enjoy being home again. "Just because I was one of the first to get back, I was asked to speak about my experiences before various groups, but I hid out, and gave only one talk. That was to the congregation of the Christian Church in Tulsa." Before he entered the Army, Chaplain Busby was pastor of the Christian Church in Sedgwick, Kansas.

After his leave, he was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, and was assigned to duty at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he remained until coming to Letterman this month. Mrs. Busby and Marilyn have joined him here, and at present they are living across the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County.

Strong Nation Needed, Gen. Pershing Asserts On His 86th Birthday

Washington (CNS)—General of the Armies John J. Pershing, in "extremely good" physical condition, observed his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary 13 Sept. with a visit from President Truman and received greetings from Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Secretary of War Robert Patterson.

Upon emerging from a private chat with the man who commanded the American Expeditionary Force during World War I, President Truman said he found the former AEF commander well and in high spirits. They had a nice conversation, the President stated, in which General Pershing said he was enjoying his birthday and hoped to celebrate many more.

In his talk from a reviewing stand on the Walter Reed Hospital grounds, the President referred to General Pershing as his "World War general."

In a birthday anniversary statement, General Pershing asserted that "in this post-war period of international differences, it is incumbent upon our country to enforce our diplomacy with continued strength."

General Pershing also said that the first World War would have insured peace "had we dictated our terms in Berlin and brought home the suffering of occupation to the German people, and, at the same time, had maintained a respectable posture of defense on land and sea and in the air."

Overseas Duty for AGF Officers

Washington (CNS)—Consisting mainly of regulars and category I volunteers, approximately 1,550 Army Ground Forces officers and warrant officers will be ordered overseas during October and November, according to AGF Headquarters. Forty percent of those selected are scheduled to arrive in overseas replacement depots in October, with the remainder due to follow in November.

"My girl's very dove-like."

"Soft and cooing?"

"No, pigeon-toed."

After a month in the guard house, Pvt. Grogan swore off liquor. On his first night away from camp, he came abreast of a tavern.

"Grogan, my boy," he told himself, "it's hard but you've got to do it. Pass it by."

Bracing himself, he marched on past the door, then stopped. "Grogan, my boy," he said jubilantly, "you did a fine job. Come on back to the place and I'll buy you a shot."

Montgomery Here To Study U.S. Army Training Methods

Washington (CNS)—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on his first trip to the United States, told a news conference that he is installing the American chief of staff system in the British Army and that the purpose of his visit to this country was to see what he could learn from U.S. methods of training and educating officers and men.

The British chief said: "All armies today are searching for the best way to train the man and the officer quickly." Declaring that he had no "false pride," Field Marshal Montgomery asserted he had come to ask questions and learn how the British army could profit from American ways. It could be, he suggested, "that we can be of use to you."

The marshal also said that the atomic bomb has not yet made land battles obsolete and that both infantry and tanks still are very much in the military picture.

After a visit with the President, Mr. Truman said that he had reminded Marshal Montgomery that the British burned the White House (where they were) in 1814.

"We ought to pay for it," the Marshal promptly replied, perhaps by adding a bill of charges to the British loan, or if Mr. Truman liked, by sending "some American soldiers to burn Whitehall."

General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower introduced Marshal Montgomery as "one of the great soldiers of this war, my warm friend and one of the figures that will live always."

The American chief's remarks thus shattered unofficial observations that there had been some friction between himself and his British colleague during the war.

Marshal Montgomery paid tribute to General Eisenhower when he visited West Point where he had lunch with the cadets, reviewed the corps, toured the academy and made a brief speech. In his talk, the marshal said that General Eisenhower was an architect of victory and that the American soldier was a "first-class fighting man."

His beret was at an unusually jaunty angle when he referred admiringly to West Point as "absolutely the cat's whiskers" and when he assured a woman reporter that "I am very fond of the ladies, indeed."

"Lady, if you'll give me a nicker, my brother will imitate a hen."

"What will he do? Cackle like one?"

"Naw. He wouldn't do such a cheap imitation. He'll eat a worm."



TEMPLE BELL

From across the seas is hung in the patio at Letterman. Lt. Col. William L. Beswick, PC, Adjutant, gives the final approval to the fine work of Mr. Joe De Freitas (left) and his staff at the machine shop who built the supporting frame. The bell is one of two now enhancing the beauty of the grounds.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

San Francisco, California

25 September 1946

MEMORANDUM

NO. 50

SUBJECT: Uniform

1. Section VI, 1. The appearance of some military personnel does not meet the standards of the service, and will be improved without delay. A short time ago, soldiers wearing the uniform of the Army of the United States were instrumental in winning a long and difficult war. The American people have a right to be proud of the members of their armed forces. An untidy or improperly dressed soldier, a man who is not self-disciplined, neither instills nor evokes pride.

2. All personnel will comply strictly with the provisions of AR 600-40 regarding the wearing of the uniform. The wearing of incomplete uniforms, or mixed summer and winter clothing, and of dirty or disheveled uniforms will not be tolerated. Military personnel in towns and on public carriers will observe the same standard of neatness and soldierly appearance as are required on a military installation.

3. Personnel of the Army traveling on public carriers may relax to the extent consistent with neat and orderly appearance. Military personnel may remove the blouse or battle jacket in the car in which their seat is located, but not in dining, lounge, or club cars. Military personnel will wear the correct uniform whenever they leave the car in which their seat is located. The complete uniform will be worn in the proper manner in stations.

4. Commanders of all echelons will take action to insure that these regulations are complied with. Further, it is the responsibility of every officer whether on duty or leave, to see that all military personnel present the required neat and soldierly appearance. Disciplinary action will be taken against individuals reported for failure to comply with uniform regulations.

(AG421 (SEP 46))

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HILLMAN:

WM. L. BESWICK
Lt. Col., MAC
Adjutant

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Why not get in a little physical reconditioning? For the men, see the schedule at the gymnasium. Transportation leaves the gym Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 9:15 A. M. for the various golf courses. Brush up on the game by getting some professional instruction. Everything furnished.

For the girls—any species—civilians, WACs, officers, nurses and any other (if there are any) basketball practice is every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30 at the gym.

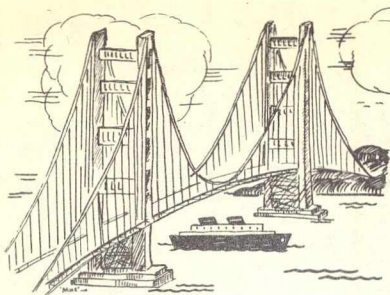
2. Are you interested in Agriculture? Stop in the Educational Reconditioning Office and see the list of available leaflets from the University of California College of Agriculture.

3. San Francisco Public Schools offers courses for adults in: Americanization, Arts and Crafts, Business, Foreign Languages, Homemaking, Physical Education, Public Speaking, Little Theatre, Music, Parent Education. Marina Junior High School, which is within walking distance from the post, offers most of the above courses.

4. A Civil Service examination for Automotive Mechanics has been announced by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herndon, California, to fill existing vacancies there. No written test will be given. Persons qualifying as Automotive Mechanics, \$1.16 to \$1.24 per hour, must have had 18 months mechanical experience.

5. Both patients and Occupational Therapy personnel are saying reluctant farewells to the following members of the staff: Mae Agnew, Constance Arnold, Elizabeth Cooper, Llewellyn Crandall and Charles Quinliven. One new addition, however, is Cpl. Elizabeth Kirby, WAC, recently arrived from O'Reilly General Hospital, where she held the position of Assistant Editor of the post paper. She will take over the Print Shop. Now is the time to get started on those Christmas cards—stop in and see Corporal Kirby.

6. Typing and Shorthand classes are held on the post daily from 1:00 to 2:00 P. M. Also a Public Speaking class, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 A. M., in Bldg. No. 1049. See your bulletin board for other classes on the post. Register for classes at Bldg. No. 1039.



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Secretary of War Here to Visit Letterman Patients

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, who was in San Francisco Wednesday to address the 28th national convention of the American Legion, spent the afternoon visiting the patients at Letterman General Hospital.

Following a luncheon in his honor at Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio, Mr. Patterson, with Major General George P. Hayes, deputy commander of the Sixth Army, arrived at Letterman and was welcomed by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman.

Attending the Secretary on his tour of the wards were General Hillman, Colonel Kermit H. Gates, executive officer; Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, chief of Surgical Service; Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, chief of Neuropsychiatric Service; Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., chief of Medical Service; and Captain Alfred L. Taro, Assistant Adjutant.

Secretary Patterson visited General Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Sixth Army, who is at present at Letterman for a physical checkup.

While at the hospital Mr. Patterson talked briefly to all the patients over Letterman's radio station KLGH. The talk was re-broadcast during the evening for the benefit of patients who might have missed the original broadcast.

He spent some time in the operating room, where an operation was in progress, and then visited the surgical wards and the amputee wards.

On the wards, Mr. Patterson greeted each patient, and inquired



THE SECRETARY OF WAR

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, greets Corporal Paul Senti of San Pablo, California, who was wounded by machine-gun fire in Germany, and is now recuperating at Letterman.

about his injuries. He spent some time chatting and joking with the patients, and while going from one to another of the wards, he stopped to talk with patients who were passing by.

In his talk over KLGH he told them how sorry he was that time did not permit him to shake hands

with and talk with every one of them, and wished them a speedy recovery and good luck for the future.

He was accompanied on his tour of the hospital by his executive assistant, Col. A. Robert Ginsberg, and his aide-de-camp, Lt. Col. John K. Waters.

Letterman Holds Open House for Legionnaires

Legionnaires and Legion Auxiliary members in San Francisco this week for their national convention were guests at Letterman at an Open House held Thursday afternoon. All week men in Legion uniforms were seen on the wards, but on Thursday crowds of out-of-state Legionnaires took time from their business sessions and convention fun-making to come to the hospital to visit their former comrades. They were welcomed by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.

WAC guides were on hand to conduct them on a tour of points of interest in the hospital. Groups were taken through the wards, operating rooms, dental clinic and mess halls. They saw the reconditioning activities, the occupational therapy shop, and the gym and swimming pool.

They talked with the patients, and many of the visitors sought out friends and relatives who are now patients at Letterman. A number of the Legionnaires who attended the Open House were men who had formerly been patients here themselves, veterans of both World War I and World War II.

One of the most extensive programs of the Legion Auxiliary is that of rehabilitation of war wounded. The Auxiliary members carry on year-round activities in veterans hospitals, and they welcomed the opportunity to see and learn about the reconditioning work here at Letterman.

After the tour of the hospital, the guests had refreshments furnished by the Mess, and served by Red Cross personnel at the Recreation Center.

NEW PAY SCALE HIGHEST IN HISTORY

By RON SWEARINGER



Although "GI Joe" doesn't actually need a wheelbarrow to "cart the stuff away", the new higher pay scale for the Army provides Army Regulars and their families a greater financial independence

WITH the adoption of a higher pay scale for the Army, the postwar soldier has been granted a greater measure of financial independence. The increase, which affects pay grades as much as 50 percent, boosts the monthly income of the enlisted soldier to the highest in our history.

The first pay standardization came in 1776 when the Continental Congress, faced with the problem of raising an Army to defend the newly declared American independence, offered to all who would volunteer to serve for the duration of the war, \$20 a month and a grant of 100 acres of land.

The Army pay scale fluctuated often during the period of the Revolution, and it wasn't until 1786 that Congress ratified a set of regulations for the Army which set the pay of a private at \$4 a month.

During the War of 1812, when America's position as a maritime power was threatened by the British, Congress was beset with the problem of raising another Army. As a result, the pay of a private was boosted to \$8 a month, plus certain specified allowances.

In the great era of expansion following the war, while America pushed her

Times have changed since the days when General George Washington's men received their \$4 a month. The tax-free income of the postwar soldier places him in a comparatively high bracket

frontiers westward, the pay scale of the Army fluctuated again, and the peak came in 1861 when the pay of a private was raised from \$11 a month to \$13. The ending of the Civil War saw a private in the Union Army earning \$16 a month.

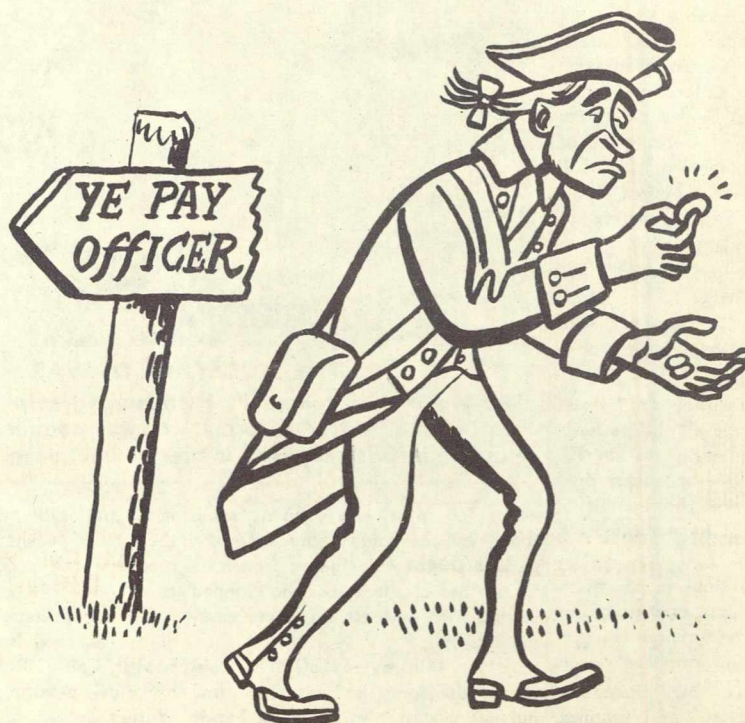
When war with Spain loomed in 1898, Congress granted an increase of 20 percent in the pay of Army enlisted men.

At the beginning of World War I, an Army private was paid \$15 monthly, but Congress later boosted that amount to \$30. Pay in other grades was also raised at this time.

In the years preceding World War II, a private in the Regular Army was earning \$21 monthly.

In the dark days of 1942, after America had suffered the crushing military blow at Pearl Harbor, and while American troops were hanging on grimly in the Philippines, Congress passed, and President Roosevelt approved, the Pay Adjustment Act which established Army pay at \$50 monthly for the seventh pay grade, up to \$138 for the first.

In six years, the pay of the private soldier has tripled, and now with his monthly pay set at \$75, his net income is comparable to a civilian wage. The Regular Army soldier is provided with good food, clothing, comfortable living quarters, medical and dental care, retirement benefits, job training and many other additional advantages, thus bringing his net income far above the actual cash income.



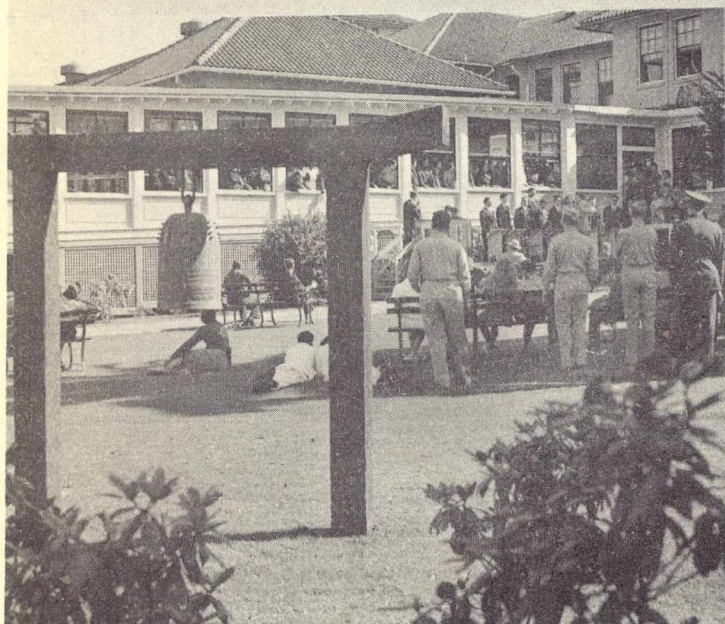
Seen on The Letterman Scene by The Camera Eye



Patients talk it over with Music-Maker Raymond Scott



Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman presents the Legion of Merit, Oak Leaf Cluster, to Col. Earl Maxwell



Raymond Scott's band from the Palace entertains in the patio



Col. Reginald P. Lyman, 6th Army Signal Officer, and Lt. Col. Wm. L. Winner, 6th Army Communications Officer, inspect Letterman's radio station KLGH

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EDITORIAL

RED LETTER DAY

The visit of the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, to this command on Wednesday afternoon added another Red Letter Day to the long calendar of Letterman's history.

Consultation with the oldest inhabitant brought out the fact that at no time in recent years has Letterman received such a high ranking visitor and all of us were conscious of the honor paid the command by the presence of the Secretary of War.

Mr. Patterson's interest in the welfare of the patients was a source of edification to all who had the pleasure of observing him on his rounds of the wards. He might have looked into the messing facilities, or he might have asked to see our supply room, or he might have concentrated on the material aspects of the plant. No, his main interest was in seeing and talking with the patients. The men who were wounded and maimed during hostilities were the chief attractions.

The ubiquitous cameramen were on the job and Mr. Patterson was most gracious about posing for pictures. Some of the patients fortunate enough to be in range when the shutter clicked will have a souvenir of one of the big days at Letterman.

Mr. Patterson appeared to be pleased with Letterman and the way in which it is carrying out

WAC

T/Sgt. Josephine Jacobs drove to Carmel for the week end, taking with her two of the about-to-depart members of the WAC detachment—T/5 Ruby Guimont and T/5 Gladys Olson. They report a hilarious time and good weather besides.

A re-enlistment at Salt Lake City resulted in the assignment of T/5 Elsie Gaylor to Letterman, and she was welcomed here this week.

Three other new members of the detachment also got a warm welcome this week—T/4 Elsie Lepitre, from Moore General Hospital in North Carolina, and First Sergeant Audrey Gordon and T/4 Marian Heinz, both from Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Massachusetts.

Sgt. Opal Borders Glenn and her husband joined in a family foursome with Sergeant Borders' sister and her husband for an enjoyable weekend at Santa Cruz.

After her week end in the warmth (to put it mildly) of Fresno, Sgt. Mary Liles and her husband Jim returned to cool off at home in breezy San Francisco.

It's good-bye and good luck this week to another three dozen members of the WAC detachment, as they take off for Camp Beale with cries of joy. The 36 are:

T/5 Harriet L. Cox, T/5 Dorothy M. Livingston, T/5 Fern Ziesmer, T/3 Elva M. Peterson, T/4 Rosemary Clemens, T/4 Geraldine L. Krebs, T/4 Margaret Riordon, T/5 Beverly R. Milius, T/5 Cleo J. Marvel, T/5 Margaret M. Birrell, T/4 Mildred D. Stech, T/5 Helga O. Bjorndal, T/5 Leatrice D. Lamascus, T/5 Delphia E. Sinclair, T/5 Aurell R. Krueger, T/3 Ruth M. Batt, T/5 Sally T. Kwasniewski, T/5 Louise M. Matzek, T/4 Margaret A. Hayden, T/5 Ethel L. Anderson, T/5 Josephine E. Casper, T/5 Ruby L. Guimont, T/5 Rena E. Shelton, T/5 Vera Stoffel, S/Sgt. Mildred V. Flaa, T/3 Barbara Straus, T/4 Willie E. Arney, T/5 Rosemary A. Cheney, T/5 Opal A. Anderson, T/5 Irene E. Blake, T/5 Rita A. Jenicek, T/5 Lorraine Piantine, T/5 Mary F. March, T/5 Alice Frick, T/5 Margrete D. Meberg, T/5 Gladys A. Olson.

its mission to care for the sick and wounded. Letterman feels honored by his visit.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.



One nurse who really "got away from it all" is Lieut. Evelyn Barbier, ANC, former assistant Director of Cadet Nurses at Letterman, and at present stationed at Dugway Proving Ground at Tooele, Utah.

Lieut. Barbier was a Letterman visitor last week and described her assignment as "something out of this world." She is the Chief Nurse for a 25 bed hospital—and the whole nursing staff. There is one medical officer and one dental officer to complete the professional staff. Tooele is scarcely a "Whistle Stop" even for the bus and Salt Lake is 87 miles away across the desert. Lieut. Barbier says she has qualified for the honorary title of "Desert Rat" but when you call her a "rat" you'd better smile.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, has stressed the need for the recall of 1,000 former Army nurses to replace personnel now eligible for discharge. Those interested in returning to active duty must be single, qualify for general duty, and be available for overseas service. They must have an efficiency rating score of 35 to return in company grade and 40 to return in field grade. They will serve for a period of two years, or until relieved at the convenience of the government.

Lt. Wilma Sledge, head dietician at Letterman, has returned from temporary duty at Brooke Army Center, San Antonio, Texas. She was away for five weeks, which time also included a leave period during which she visited her home in Louisiana and New York City.

Lt. Betty Myrbro of the dietetics staff, who has been on duty at Crissy Field, is now back at Letterman.

Twenty nurses from Letterman are taking a course in Ward Administration at the University of California Extension Division. They are: Maj. Eileen W. Brady, Maj. Anne Benton, Maj. Lois Kinnison, Capt. Philomena A. Pagano, Capt. Josephine Rosicky, Capt. Thelma B. Goodman, Capt. Virginia Saunders, First Lts. Madeline K. Turner, Grace I. Bender, Marian E. Martini, Theda

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, October 8, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

We Never Know

I'm glad that you brought me the flowers today,

Today, while my hands can hold
With living joy the fresh bouquet,
Instead of waiting, a rose to lay
On my form when it is cold.

I am grateful, dear friend, for your words of praise,

Today they were needed much,
For there's little of kindness
through the days
From the thoughtless world, with its
careless ways,
And I longed for a friendly touch.

I'm glad that today you gave me a smile,

Today, when my heart was sore
With a problem borne on a weary
mile—
You made the struggle seem worth
while,
And I walked with faith once
more.

We never know how a word sincere
Can lighten a heart's dull pain,
Or a steady hand-clasp conquer fear,
Or a prayer make pathways straight
and clear,
And a heart rejoice again.

So let me, too, with a loving heart
Of unfailing sympathy,
Dry troubled eyes when teardrops
start,
Bring peace and joy for sorrow's
smart,
Like the joy you have given me.
—By Kathryn Blackburn Peck.

Reed, Claire P. Egan, Margaret M. McNamara, Rebecca V. Amend, Rebecca Chamberlin, Barbara Rae McGill, Helen Olson, Gladys I. Compton, Sarah B. Holmes, Frances P. McKay.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JOSEPHINE JACOBS
Technical Sergeant

They call her "Jake" which makes it one time when "everything's jake" as far as the supply sergeant is concerned, because dealing out WAC supplies is the job of T/Sgt. Josephine Jacobs. She likes her job because "I like to keep busy," she says. "Besides," she adds, "the longer you stay in the Army the better you like it."

She also likes to travel, and began indulging her wanderlust when she left her native Czechoslovakia to come to the United States in 1921. She has been back there several times since for visits, but they were just visits, because she likes the USA too much to leave it permanently. However, she does hope for an ETO assignment as a WAC.

"Jake" learned English after she came to the United States, by going to night school, and "just by listening, talking and reading," and she combines an excellent knowledge of the language with a fascinating accent. However, it's no wonder she acquired English easily, because she also speaks several other languages—Czecho-Slovakian, Russian, Polish, German and French.

Before she entered the WAC (then the WAAC) in 1942, "Jake" owned her own hairdressing shop in Tarrytown, N. Y. When the war began, she joined the Women's Defense Cadets and did as much defense work as possible while carrying on her business. Then she decided she could do more by joining the Army.

Her hobby is carpentering, and while she was at Camp Polk, La., she acted as chief carpenter, and superintended the building of everything from ironing boards to bridges.

She's been at Letterman since March, and this summer took a 40-day furlough, her first in two years, and drove to New York, visiting her brother in Cleveland, her mother



Adolph Reyes of C-1 has two hobbies, designing jewelry and drawing, and he alternates them so "life won't get monotonous." He has done several pencil sketches of his fellow patients which they liked so well they sent them home to their families. Right now he's making a silver bracelet—says it's for a girl, but doesn't say which girl. And he wears a good-looking silver ring he made in O. T. Shop.

Pete Mendoza of C-2, one day after surgery, seen sitting up and writing letters.

On C-1 Harold Boeker of Mitchell, South Dakota, says he "feels swell" after his recent operation. He's been a patient here only a week but feels right at home because the "fellows are easy to know and mighty friendly."

Arda Wilkins and Charles Freeman were buddies when they were both patients on K-2, and now Wilkins is on B-2 and Freeman on ward 28. But they still get together to shoot the breeze—"that's m'boy," says Freeman.

Looking around at all the empty beds on B-2, J. L. Barnes gave out with the opinion that on payday nobody could wait to start spending. He was no exception, he was just perfecting his plans before taking off.

Talmadge Weathers of C-1 is weaving his division insignia in much more than life size, and it is already more than half completed.

Frank Martin of ward 8, temporarily on C-1 for an operation, was getting a lot of good advice from Warren Ackerlund of ward 1.

Discovered on ward C-1: A Texan who doesn't talk about Texas! Harold Hoebel is his name, and he says it must be because he's a Texan of only ten years duration, but he went to Houston from New York, and admits he does like it there. He claims he's the "most newsless man in the

and sister in New York, and taking in the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone. Her favorite pastimes are golf and driving around exploring new places.

hospital. I guess I need a little bit of Winchell." He says he likes to rest, and that in one hospital he got talked into making a rug, but now that it's finished, his mission's accomplished and he can rest some more.

John Skelly, a fugitive from publicity found on ward C-1, morosely reads The Sporting News and longs to be at home in Seattle, even though he has been home three times in the past two months. But you can't blame him. It's quite a city.

Henry Barker of C-1 is reading up on requirements for GI loans, and dreaming about that new home he hopes to build for his family in the southern part of the state. He already has the lot, and now for those four walls and a roof!

On ward 28, they refer to "Cap" by the mysterious initials W.W.W. Charles Freeman furnishes the translation: "Ward's Worst Wolf." How about that? They say he's trying to expand the area so the initials will mean "World's Worst Wolf."

Harold Gillian of ward 12 has completed a long short story which is this week in process of being typed preparatory to trying it out on the magazine market. Those who have read it here at the hospital are mighty enthusiastic about it, and predict that it's bound to see the light of print.

Morton Solot of ward D-2, who is taking a course in Geographic Economics at University of California Extension Division, found that he might as well have cut the first three classes. Reason: He doesn't really need to hear about those Pacific Islands and what grows on them. He already knows a lot about them, because he crawled over them in combat and even left some of his blood on them.

Frank Douglas is back to D-2 from surgery referring to the time away from the ward as his Lost Weekend. Before he went he had a chance to try out his new Oldsmobile, so he has something to remember it by.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



HENRY KUNTZ
Master Sergeant

Master Sergeant Henry Kuntz, who retired from active duty effective 30 September, received the following commendation from the Commanding General:

SUBJECT: Commendation

To: Master Sergeant Henry Kuntz, RA 1033856, Med. Dept.

1. After long and honorable service you are about to avail yourself of the privilege of retirement from active duty. Having observed your work and known you intimately over a period of many years, I desire at this time to officially record my high estimation of you as a soldier.

2. You have always been an exponent and a living example of those qualities that we associated with the military profession: neatness in appearance as well as meticulous adherence to uniform regulations, initiative, punctuality, unquestioned honesty, high ideals and energetic performance of duty at all times without consideration of yourself. While you have expected much of your subordinates you have never asked for more than you, yourself, were willing to give. Your superior officers have always had the satisfaction of knowing that once assigning you a task it would be well done. As the highest tribute that I can pay, I wish that all of our enlisted men would emulate your splendid example. I am proud to have had you as a member of my command.

3. The Staff of Letterman General Hospital joins me in congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

C. C. HILLMAN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Commanding

Pft.: "I saved a girl from getting kissed last night."

Pvt.: "What didya do?"

Pfc.: "I changed my mind."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Ray V. Shine of Civilian Personnel returned this week after three weeks in Washington, D. C., where he took a course in Personnel Administration. Forty-five personnel executives were there for the course, including some from Tokyo, Panama and Hawaii.

Gordon Sauers, Receiving Office, is taking leave to head for a wedding in San Bernardino, where he will bestow his name on Miss Martha Hawkins, former Army nurse.

Transferring to the Presidio from Letterman Motor Pool are Dispatcher Jackie Shaffer, and Drivers Jerry Brand and Marian Haskell.

Esther Grobler is enjoying her meals off the mantle as the aftermath of a recent horseback ride, but she says it was worth it.

On the recuperating list this week are Lillian Wickstrom, secretary on ward 40, and Leone Brannan of the Dental Clinic. Lillian is convalescing from a tonsillectomy and Leone from a throat operation.

"Ace" Guth of EENT is getting congratulations this week because she is now a grandmother, as of October 1. The granddaughter's name is Jeffrie Lynn.

Florence Corral of Civilian Personnel has left for a vacation in Los Angeles and on her return will assume new duties in another department.

Back for a visit this week and looking like someone out of the pages of Vogue was Barbara Bianco, formerly on duty in the X-ray Department. She has been spending a few weeks in Hollywood, and is now about to start work for a doctor in San Jose.

Going back to school and homework, "Alf" Starkey has left the Finance Section to enroll at San Jose State College.

That vacant desk in Military Personnel means that Virginia Lee Smith is sunning herself among the beauties of Carmel.

Georgia Power, X-ray technician in Dental Branch, returned from her Mexico vacation in time to hear "La Boheme" at the opera.

Vivian Halverson, after two years at Letterman in the Liaison Office, has left to take a position with TWA Lines, and is followed by the good wishes of her friends here.

THE PX HOLDS THE ANSWER HERE "WHY GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES"



Miss NAOMI MILLER
Assistant Manager, PX Main Store

Not being a man we would not know why gentlemen prefer blondes, just ordinary blondes, but when it comes to blondes with blue eyes and creamy complexion the answer is obvious, and if you will take a look at Naomi Pearl Miller, the new assistant to the manager of the Post Exchange Main store, you will know what we are talking about.

Miss Miller has been with the PX since last April and has been in every department except the motor service station. Though we might mention she is also qualified for that duty by reason of her training in the WAC motor transport school many years ago at Fort Des Moines. She joined the WAAC in September 1942 as a private and stayed with the "outfit" into the WAC and was separated in February of this year with the rank of captain.

Her mechanical ability made her an instructor in motor transport at Fort Des Moines and it was only natural that the Air Forces were happy to get her in the fold at Wright Field in June 1944. After a

brief time she was sent out to McClellan Field near Sacramento where she remained until she left the service.

Miss Miller is a native of Jeanette, Pa., where she went to school and later assisted her father in his business there. The experience in merchandising was a preparation for her present occupation and we expect the sales to go up by leaps and bounds in the Main Store in the immediate future.

In her leisure hours Miss Miller turns to diversions of an athletic type and can do things with a basketball as well as show others how the game is played. Like all bachelor girls she enjoys dinner dancing dates and we opine the only blank evenings on her social calendar result from choice. We believe her phone number is in the book.

We went down to the PX to ask her a last question and found her in the candy store room. We queried "What are you doing?" and she retorted "Just staying sweet."

A masterpiece of understatement.

MEDICAL DETACH

Cpl. Bob Bisbee, the regular writer of this column, left Tuesday to spend a 10-day furlough in Long Beach, California, and Cpl. Kenny McPike is pinch-hitting for him.

Other men of the detachment who left Tuesday on furloughs are: Sgt. H. A. Thomas, Pfc. D. E. Shelton, Pvt. A. J. Conwell and Pvt. J. A. Ellis.

Our losses to the civilian world since last week were T/4 Chester Wroblewski, Pfc. Joe Venezio and Pfc. Justice Travis. Joe left for Camp Beale on Sept. 24 and Chet followed the next day. Pfc. Justice was also sent to Camp Beale for separation and by now is happily settled in Blossom, Texas.

A familiar face is missing at the Laboratory. The face is that of Cpl. Bob Sullivan. Bob is in Ward F-1, recuperating from a major operation. He now has plenty of time to plan what all he will do on his sick furlough which he plans to spend in Galesburg, Illinois.

T/5 Phil Moore, T/5 Bonifacio Ramirez and T/ Louis Alore have also donned the familiar red suits.

Sgt. John Biddleman, T/4 Keith Jensen and Pvt. Weyburn Enns are back on duty after leaving the hospital as patients.

Pfc. David Gilder, of the record office, was in Los Angeles last week end on a three day pass. He reports that he spent a wonderful evening at Earl Carroll's while in Hollywood. Dave brought back several pictures which were taken with himself in the middle of a group of beautiful show girls from Earl Carroll's.

The American Legion National Convention was the center of interest this week. Many of the detachment men took the opportunity of visiting Legionnaires from their home states.

Congratulations are in order for our Letterman softball team who returned from the Sixth Army Tournament held at Camp Stoneman, California. Sorry to report that the Letterman club failed to win the tournament, but they did make an exceptionally fine showing by defeating the highly favored Camp Stoneman team before being eliminated by Camp Beale, T/4 Harry Haugh, our star first baseman, was selected as a member of the all-tournament team and received a miniature gold softball.

Star-Gazing

Now that wartime travel restrictions are no more, Hollywood studios are again scheduling distant location trips to get authentic backgrounds for films. They will do on-the-spot shooting in England for James Hilton's "So Well Remembered," go to Switzerland for shots of James Ullman's "The White Tower," and to New Zealand for "Green Dolphin Street" backgrounds. Of course they sometimes settle for a "reasonable facsimile thereof," as when they filmed Paris background in Quebec and New York, and the Tyrolean Alps in Jasper National Park, Canada.

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For no good reason, it would seem, the shaving cream on Bob Hope in barber-chair sequences in "Monsieur Beaucaire" is really whipped cream. Just a matter of taste, probably.

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Under the heading of "Spare no expense" come the custom-made pajamas Fred McMurray wears in "Suddenly It's Spring." They cost \$100 a pair, and are made of Swiss silk at \$9.50 a yard.

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He may own a hotel in Florida, but ten months in Hollywood convinced Al Jolson that California is the state for him, so he plans to make his home here permanently. Guess that "California, Here I Come" stuff was the real dope.

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Frustrated in his desire to own and operate a motorcycle, Larry Parks has become a collector of miniature motorcycles. He now has 175 of the vehicles. The studio won't let him have a life-size one, on account they consider them dangerous.

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They don't just film kisses, they also count 'em and time 'em, proving the passion for statistics has Hollywood in its clutches. For instance—in "The Emperor Waltz," Bing Crosby kisses Joan Fontaine 15 times, including one osculation which lasts 75 seconds. Probably they have a camera-meter (first cousin of a taxi-meter) to time the kisses.

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Movie-goers who see Fred Astaire in "Blue Skies" will see not one but ten Fred Astaires simultaneously. Special effects photography succeeds in reproducing Fred so that he seems to be dancing with nine other Freds at the same time.

MILITARY PERSONNEL REGULATIONS ARE NO MYSTERY TO OUR MR. TUBBS



Warrant Officer WILLIAM R. TUBBS
Assistant Director, Military Personnel

In these days of perplexing problems affecting military personnel Letterman is fortunate in having Warrant Officer William R. Tubbs behind the desk labelled "Assistant Director of Military Personnel" because he is the officer who knows all the answers to all questions cropping up from day to day in connection with his special qualification.

Mr. Tubbs belongs to that group affectionately known as "Old Regulars" and he began his military career with the famed Sixth Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe in 1922. A year later he transferred to the Infantry and was sent to Fort Benning to begin an eight year tour with the Weapons Section of the Infantry School. At that station he served under General George C. Marshall, then Assistant Commandant, and with a score of officer instructors who were destined to become high ranking general officers in the late war.

His proficiency with the machine gun attracted the attention of the Ordnance Department and Mr. Tubbs changed branches. He later served at Fort Sam Houston, Fort McClellan, Fort Knox, and back to Fort Benning in 1937 where he was discharged from the service. After a period of business life where he

was his own boss he returned to the army in September 1940 and has been on active duty since that time.

Having gone through all grades he became a master sergeant in 1940 at Fort Jackson and went overseas from there. In June 1942 he was appointed Warrant Officer (Junior grade) while stationed at New Caledonia. In October of the same year he passed through Letterman as a patient en route to Hammond General Hospital at Modesto and on his recovery he was assigned to duty there to remain until it closed.

Mr. Tubbs has been on the Letterman staff since February of this year and has helped tide us through the trying period of transition from war to peace with a high degree of efficiency. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for his work at Hammond and a fine Letter of Commendation written by the late Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch bears witness to his accomplishments in New Caledonia.

Mr. Tubbs was married at Nashville, Tenn., in 1926 to Miss Clara Colagross and they have two daughters, Shirley Rosine, 11, and Clara Joan, 8.

In his official capacity even the \$64 question does not stump Mr. Tubbs.

Watch That Match!

The President of the United States by Proclamation has designated the week of 6 to 12 October as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**. The objective of this proclamation is to induce everybody to do his best to prevent fires.

Fire Prevention Week is always observed in the United States and Canada during the week that includes October 9, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. This year marks the 75th anniversary of that fateful day in 1871 when Mother O'Leary's cow kicked over the barn lantern and started the \$168,000,000 conflagration. Since 1920 some 22 million fires occurred in the United States, fatally burning 450,000 Americans and causing 15 billion dollars worth of property to go up in smoke.

Every minute of the day and night somebody's house or place of business in our country is destroyed by fire. Since 1900, according to National Fire Prevention Association statistics, 16 major fires accounted for the lives of more Americans than were killed at Iwo Jima. Over 4,000 Americans made the supreme sacrifice for their country during this bloody battle, yet nearly 5,000 other Americans have died needlessly in only a fraction of the fatal fires that have ravaged this country since the turn of the century.

The greatest portion of losses in lives and property are caused by man-made fires, while only a very small number of fires have their origin attributed to such unavoidable causes as lightning, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and other causes beyond human control. The largest single fire cause is careless smoking and handling of matches.

Just think: Each year about 300 billions of matches are consumed in this United States alone, or 850 millions daily. This means that on the average 600,000 open flames are started every minute. Each of these flames holds the possibility of causing a disastrous fire. Matches have heads but no brains. When you use **THEIR** heads, use **YOUR** brains. The same applies to careless tossing away of burning cigarette butts, and smoking in bed.

As the value of government property at our post is very great, it is imperative that we exercise the utmost care and constant vigilance to prevent fires. This is the command of the President of the United States, our Command-in-Chief. It is our duty to obey this command.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

President Truman has designated this week, October 6 to 12, as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," to focus the attention of the country on the proven fact that disabled persons make good workers.

A recent study of 47 manufacturing plants revealed that disabled workers are more efficient and experience fewer serious accidents than able-bodied workers performing the same duties and exposed to the same hazards.

Many employers have shown the dollars-and-cents value of hiring disabled men at jobs their handicaps permit them to do.

One of San Francisco's largest department stores is paying a blind veteran \$375 a month as foreman of its rug department. The Tidewater Associated Oil Company at Avon, California, has 15 amputee veterans on its payroll, all with fine employment records.

The Veterans Administration, taking leadership in employing disabled veterans, has hired more than 250 for clerical and executive jobs throughout California, Arizona and Nevada.

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Question: What is one of the greatest handicaps to a physically-disabled veteran?

Answer: The feeling of some employers that the disabled man cannot do a satisfactory job.

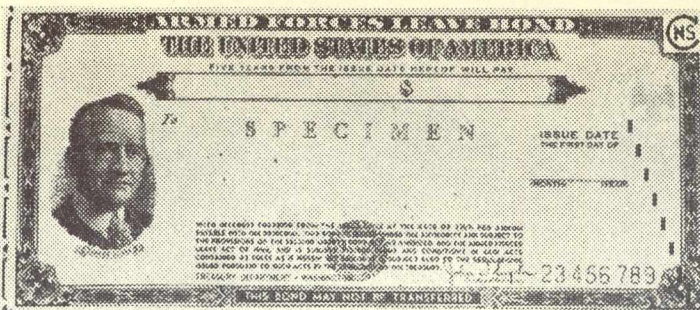
Question: Why do physically-handicapped workers usually have better accident, attendance and production records than the non-disabled?

Answer: Most such workers realize that they must produce and show that they are able to do as well as the non-handicapped. Many, in learning how to adjust themselves, have developed habits of carefulness and attention to details so that they take no chances and are not easily distracted.

Question: Are there many jobs for which a blinded veteran may not safely be employed?

Answer: There are few jobs for which blinded veterans have not been employed, and in almost all instances they have turned in acceptable or superior performances. In one state (New Jersey) during the war, blind veterans were operating almost every type of machine

What the G. I. Terminal Leave Bonds Look Like



Above is a specimen of the freshly issued bonds to be given to several million ex G. I.s and soldiers, sailors and marines still in the Service for furlough time not used. The bonds are to be issued in multiples of \$25, beginning with \$50. The portrait on the bond is that of the late U. S. Senator Carter Glass of Va., who was also Secretary of the Treasury during the latter part of the Wilson Administration. The bonds may be cashed five years after date of a G. I.'s last discharge, and bear the official title "Armed Forces Leave Bonds."

RECONDITIONING Says

1. The course in Spanish given over KLGH on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1045, SPANISH ON THE AIR, is on a new basis. It is part of the adult education program of the San Francisco public schools and high school credit will be given in Spanish I to any one completing the assignments which began 1 October and will continue until the end of the semester, 13 December. Text books are furnished. Mrs. Irene Bushrey, the teacher, will visit each student once per week, and a Spanish class for ambulatory patients will be in the Classroom, Bldg. No. 1049 every Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:00.

2. The two teachers who will be available (in addition to Mrs. Bushrey) for tutoring in English, Creative Writing, Math, History, Civics, and Languages are Mrs. Janet Bleckner and Miss Frances Lilienthal, both San Francisco Certified High School teachers. High school credits will be given to anyone studying under these instructors. Mrs. Bleckner and Miss Lilienthal are by no means new to Letterman, both having a long list of patients they have

been tutoring during the summer months and all last school term.

3. The long-awaited USAFI EM 767, Accounting Principles, Course I, has just come in, and may be borrowed from the Educational Reconditioning Office.

4. The Grace Ball Secretarial School, 58 Sutter Street, offers a course in COURT REPORTING, which is a highly specialized field and one that is not overcrowded, while at the same time highly remunerative. It brings you in contact with the stimulating minds of learned jurists and it also confronts you with a dramatic display of keen-minded lawyers battling for the interest of their clients. It enriches and broadens your viewpoint while constantly equipping you for larger responsibilities.

Requirements for entering the course are: A good education, at least high school, alertness and awareness, a good vocabulary and a liking for reading — which acquaints one with various fields in which one may be called upon to report. An authorized Court Reporter makes \$4,500 to \$8,000 a year, depending on the Court. He makes in addition a good income from his transcripts.

5. The guest speaker at the Officers' Orientation hour held on Friday, 27 September, 1946, was Mr. Elbert Burns, Assistant National Adjutant of the American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis. Mr. Burns gave a very fine lecture on the 28th National Convention.

Signal Officer Inspects RRadio Station KLLGH

An inspection of Letterman's radio station KLLGH was made last week by Col. Reginald P. Lyman, 6th Army Signal Officer, and Lt. Col. William L. Winnener, 6th Army Communications Officer. The officers were accompanied on their inspection tour by Mr. Fred Kahn, engineer in charge of the installation work.

Colonel Lyman said that from a technical standpoint the installation was exceptional, and he complimented Colonel Winner and Mr. Kahn on their ingenuity in working out the details.

Suggestion Boxes Are Waiting for Your New Ideas

The Suggestion Boxes, having been repainted and replaced, are ready and waiting to receive the job suggestions of both military and civilian personnel of Letterman.

Two are on the main ramp adjacent to the Administration Building, one is on the lower ramp above the steps leading to the Reconditioning office, and a fourth is in Building 1135, headquarters Station Complement. Suggestion blanks are available in each box.

The Suggestion Program is being continued in the postwar period because it proved worthwhile during the war by effecting large savings to the government. Awards for ideas range from \$5 to \$250.

The individual, whether military or civilian, who is interested in increasing the efficiency of the operation and administration of this hospital, as well as his particular job, is bound to have ideas. Very often these ideas are placed in operation and increase the efficiency of the activity or the job.

Under the Suggestion Program it is possible to submit ideas to the Committee which have been previously submitted to superiors and which have already been adopted informally, provided the suggestion is submitted formally through suggestion channels within 60 days of the adoption of the proposal. In addition, personnel who review their jobs may find new and speedier ways to perform routine tasks, or think up a way to consolidate two or more operations.

All military and civilian personnel are urged to utilize this system of submitting suggestions.



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Three Awards Presented Here By Gen. Hillman

Three awards for distinguished military service were presented this week by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman at ceremonies in his office.

Colonel Carl F. Eifler of Honolulu, Infantry, at present a patient at Letterman, was decorated with the Air Medal, and two members of the Army Nurse Corps, Captain Elizabeth E. Foster and First Lieutenant Hazel I. Snowden, received Army Commendation Ribbons.

The citation for the Air Medal which accompanied Colonel Eifler's decoration stated that it was awarded "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from September 1942 to May 1943. Without regard for personal safety, Colonel Eifler completed missions over enemy territory in unarmed, low-powered aircraft. Colonel Eifler's daring and his unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

In addition to the Air Medal, Colonel Eifler also wears the combat infantryman's badge.

Captain Foster's citation for the Army Commendation Ribbon, signed by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, stated: "During World War II the Medical Department carried out its mission with outstanding success. This achievement was made possible only through the combined efforts of all Medical Department personnel. Your service with the Medical Department has been exceptional when compared with others of the same grade of similar position, and I wish



ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBONS

Are presented by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman to (left to right) : Captain Elizabeth E. Foster and First Lieutenant Hazel I. Snowden of the Army Nurse Corps.

to commend you for your outstanding contribution as Chief Nurse of Crissy Annex, Letterman General Hospital, from 10 December 1945 to 10 June 1946."

Lieutenant Snowden's citation, also from The Surgeon General, commended her for her "outstanding contribution as Nurse in Charge of General Surgery and Officer Pa-

tient Wards, Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California, from 6 December 1945 to 30 June 1946."

Two friends of Captain Foster's were present at the award ceremony: Mrs. Alice Thompson, manager of Letterman's main PX store, and Mrs. W. C. Conner, formerly at Letterman as Lieutenant Dorothy Bohling, ANC.

Complete Separation Functions Now Being Accomplished Here

Complete separation functions for male military personnel are now being performed at Letterman's separation center, it was announced this week. It will no longer be necessary for them to go to Camp Beale for personnel and finance processing and physical examination. Members of the Army Nurse Corps and the WAC detachment will continue to go to Camp Beale for separation.

Because of the desire of the War Department to have a volunteer status prevail in the Army, the following changes in separation procedures have been put into effect:

All non-Regular Army enlisted personnel who are within six months of attaining eligibility for separation under existing War Department discharge criteria, and who present evidence in writing of acceptance for admission in an accredited college or university, will become eligible prior to the date they would normally be due for discharge.

All Regular Army enlisted personnel who return from overseas on a permanent change of station, and who have less than two months of effective service remaining in their enlistment and who do not signify that it is their intention to re-enlist are eligible for separation now.

All enlisted personnel will be given all accrued leave prior to being discharged from the service, and the accrued leave will be taken, insofar as is possible, within the individual's normal tour of service. Accordingly, personnel will be processed and sent on terminal leave prior to their date of eligibility as determined by the number of days of accrued leave.

The Navy Sends Letterman Four Dentists on Lend-Lease



MARTIN ETTINGER
Lieutenant (j.g.) DC

What may have looked like infiltration of the Army by the Navy, and what someone at Letterman declared was a tryout of the much-discussed Army-Navy merger is really a lend-lease arrangement whereby Letterman acquired the services of four Navy dentists.

"The Army is short of dentists and the Navy has some to spare," said Colonel Boyd L. Smith, chief of Dental Branch, "so Letterman has borrowed four to supplement the dental staff."

This answers the queries of the curious as to why four Navy lieutenants (J.G.) have been seen in action in an Army hospital. They converged on Letterman from south, east and mid-west—one is from Texas, one from New York, one from Wisconsin and one from Illinois. In spite of all that old propaganda about the Army versus the Navy, they say they like it here, and like working with the Army. As regards marital status, they're fifty-fifty—two married; two unmarried.

Lieutenant Martin Ettinger, the New Yorker, was graduated from New York University in New York City in June 1945. His pre-dental training was taken at Franklin and Marshall, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He came into the Navy in August of last year, and was assigned to the separation center at Camp Shoemaker, California. He came to Letterman in August when the camp closed. His wife, Mitzi, is here in San Francisco with him, and is teaching



N. R. SCUPIEN
Lieutenant (j.g.) DC

at the Presidio Nursery School on the post.

They spend a lot of their free time exploring San Francisco and the country hereabouts. They've recently enjoyed trips to Carmel, Santa Cruz and Los Angeles. One of the things they are most anxious to get is an apartment, and they're doing a lot of wishful thinking and hunting these days.

Lieutenant N. R. Scupien, who has been in the Navy forty-one months, is a Chicagoan. Most important date in the 41 months was August, 1946, the date of his wedding. His wife, Loretta, is still in Chicago, and Lieutenant Scupien claims his chief leisure time occupation is "writing to my wife." This happens daily.

He was graduated from Loyola University in Chicago, and since he has been in the Navy has been stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, at Moffett Field, California, and the Ninth Naval District, Chicago.

Lieutenant John Pesch, who was stationed at Mare Island before coming to Letterman in August, is from Campbellsport, Wisconsin. He took his degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has been in the Navy fourteen months.

He likes golf and intends to play as often as possible while he's here. He also likes football, especially when the Badgers play California as he saw them do on a recent Saturday at Berkeley.



JOHN PESCH
Lieutenant (j.g.) DC

Lieutenant Jeff B. Bruton has been in the Navy a year. He is from Dallas, Texas, and was graduated from Baylor University at Waco, Texas. Before coming to Letterman in August he was stationed at San Diego.

He likes fishing and another one of his favorite pastimes is photography.

The other day a patient ferreted out the fact that Lieutenant Bruton had never tasted boysenberry jelly, so he brought him a glass of it. Seems the Navy establishes mighty amicable relationships with patients!

Field Hospital Personnel on Duty Here at Letterman

The 79th Field Hospital unit arrived here recently, and is attached to Letterman to supplement the work of the detachment.

The 79th came to Letterman from Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois, which closed in September. The unit numbers 150, and is stationed at Crissy Field.

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence B. Hanson is commanding officer, and the other officers attached to the unit are: Captain L. T. Tayloe, adjutant; 1st Lieutenant Knute A. Toft-Nielsen, company commander; 1st Lieutenant John A. Killilea, supply officer; 2nd Lieutenant Andrew M. Flom, transportation officer. The outfit's first sergeant is Gerald Danks.



JEFF BRUTON
Lieutenant (j.g.) DC

War Department's Universal Military Training Plan

Washington (CNS)—Six months of intensive military and technical specialist training and an additional six months or equivalent in one of eight other categories is the basis of a War Department Universal Military Training plan, calling for one year's military training for all physically and mentally fit young men between the ages of 17 and 20.

The plan was prepared for explanation to the public and as a basis for War Department staff studies which will prepare the Army to put UMT into operation should it be approved by Congress. The program applies only to training of men by the Army and does not include Navy training details.

A million young men are expected to be drawn into the training program each year. The plan gave strong indication that it supports the War Department proposal and will back it before Congress. Of those drafted annually 726,000 would be slated for the Army Ground and Air Forces, the balance earmarked for the Navy.

The purpose of the UMT program is to promote our nation's national defense by providing sufficient men trained as individuals, specialists and teams that: (a) readiness of the Regular Army, National Guard and the Organized Reserve Corps can be maintained at the highest level during

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Award Shares Spotlight With Events on The Wards



The Secretary of War, the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, talks with Berl Tanner of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on ward E-1.



Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman presents the Air Medal to Col. Carl F. Eifler of Honolulu for missions over enemy territory.



Mrs. Florence Bailey and Mrs. Velma Gross present gift wheel chair from Joseph P. McQuaide Auxiliary, V.F.W., to Frank McGuffey of Ward 43



Blan Clayton of North Bend, Oregon, Ward 40, is greeted by the Secretary of War.

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EDITORIAL

WILL YOU HELP?

The annual Community Chest campaign for funds began this week, and October has been proclaimed "Community Chest Month." Once more the Red Feather, the badge of honor which is the symbol of a good deed, is being worn by contributors to the fund.

The goal of this year's San Francisco drive is \$3,350,000 and the money will be used to help Community Chest services and to answer the final USO appeal.

The money from the Community Chest goes to 70 different agencies, which gives the following kinds of services: care for dependent and neglected children; provide foster homes for homeless children; give care in day nurseries for children whose mothers work; care for infants pending adoption; maternity care for unmarried mothers; counseling service to people in trouble; help to the aged and handicapped; nursing care in the homes of the poor; clinic and hospital services for those unable to pay full costs; health education; organizations for training of 66,000 boys and girls; neighborhood and community centers.

A Community Chest booth has been set up on the ramp here at Letterman, and patients and civilian personnel are stopping to make their contributions.

You are asked to wear the Red Feather as a sign that you

WAC

There was a fond farewell this week for three departing members of the WAC detachment. Off to Camp Beale and a free life were Sergeant Celia Glick, T/5 Lois Washburn and Pfc. Mary Faucher.

T/5 Dorothy Farmer spent the week end sun-basking in Fresno.

Six Letterman WACs left during the week for Camp Lee, Virginia, to attend medical clerk's school as a prelude to duty overseas. They were: T/4 Barbara Trainor, T/5 Helen Sholtis, T/5 Marie Wilson, T/5 Margaret Riordon, T/5 Mary Krauer and T/5 Betty Madruga.

Ex-WACs Margaret Whitacre and Shirley Burton, just returned from an exciting trip to Oregon, came back to Letterman this week disguised as a couple of colorfully clad civilians. Shirley is busy with plans to go back to school, and Marge is busy with plans for her forthcoming wedding to Harry Nogle, formerly of the photo lab. Harry is now in Ohio getting his discharge from the Army, and the wedding will take place when he gets back to California.

Sergeant Elma Cain has returned to duty from sick leave, having had a tonsillectomy. She says she is now practically ready to take standard nourishment again.

Master Sergeant Bertha Hanusiak, who came from Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, was welcomed to the WAC detachment this week, and has been assigned to duty in Military Personnel.

Another candidate for civilian life left for Camp Beale this week—T/5 Pauline Narvell.

T/5 Nellie Sheldon left Letterman this week, having been transferred to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Many a happiness in life, as many a disaster, can be due to chance, but the peace within us can never be governed by chance. Call it what you may, heart, will, soul or conscience, these words mean more or less the same thing: the spiritual riches of man. Without peace in our hearts, how can we expect peace in the world?—Maurice Maeterlinck.

care enough to give to help those less fortunate than yourself.

Will you help?



Two ANC promotions rate congratulations this week—Lt. Lois M. Bergendorff and Lt. Leila R. Plaster, having changed their gold bars for silver, and their titles from second to first lieutenant.

Two newcomers were welcomed to the dietitians staff this week. Lieutenant June Warren comes from O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, and Captain Rita Richards has been a patient here since her return from overseas duty.

When the Physical Therapy threesome—Lt. Miriam Johnson, Lt. Dorothy Johnson and Lt. Champe Phillips went to Yosemite for the Labor Day weekend in their famous Ford "Tootie Mae," they found that Tootie Mae liked it there so well she staged a sit-down strike and refused to come back. Last week end, deciding that she had had enough of the mountains, Dorothy and Champe went up and brought her back; that is, she brought them back. She got here in time to get spruced up to welcome Miriam back from her leave next Monday.

Lt. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy spent last week end in Orland.

Lt. Mary Holke of the dietitians' staff has gone home to Missouri on leave, saying she'd give the horses a rest while she was gone, but that she intends to resume her favorite sport of horseback riding as soon as she returns.

Lt. Mary L. Dickason is on emergency leave in Chulavista because of the illness of her mother.

Five New Englanders of the ANC have left Letterman en route to Fort Dix and discharge—Lt. Rosalie Stokes, Lt. Mary F. Walk, Lt. Suzanne White, Lt. Mary Steinkrauss, and Lt. Rita Soda. Admirers of the Boston accent of "Riter Soder" certainly miss having her around.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of others, but go get ahead of ourselves—to break our own records, to outstrip our yesterdays by our today, to do our work with more force than ever before.—Stewart B. Johnson.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 13, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert McCartney, a son, Robert Bruce, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 2 October.

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To Capt. and Mrs. Homer C. Hinkley, a son, Gregory Keith, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 3 October.

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To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John Cook, a daughter, Helen Irma, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 4 October.

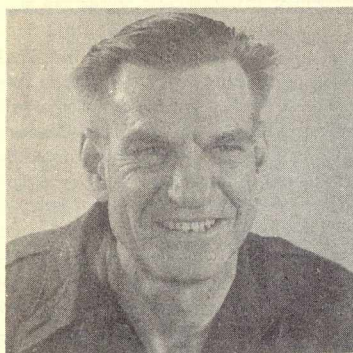
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To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Eugene Sabelman, a son, Eric Eugene, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 8 October.

You don't have to preach honesty to men with creative purposes. Let a human being throw the engines of his soul into the making of something, and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty.—Walter Lippmann.

Greatness has always been a mark to aim at. In these rudderless days, when we are misguided by small and fumbling minds, it is not only inspiring but imperative to "think continually of those who were truly great." Soldiers on forgotten fields of battle, scientists in makeshift laboratories, stubborn idealists fighting to save a lost cause, teachers who would not be intimidated, tireless doctors, the anonymous army of dreamers and doers—all these by their very living fought for everyone. They sacrificed hours of ease for our casual comforts; they gave up safety for our security. Glorifying the heroic spirit of man, they added to our stature.—Louis Untermeyer.

ON THE SPOT



BEN SHOOK
Corporal

Corporal Ben Shook of ward 29 is a veteran of World War I and the father of five children. When World War II came along he was over draft age, but he enlisted. Born in Oakland and growing up in San Francisco, Corporal Shook took to the mountains early and became an expert skier, so he volunteered for duty with mountain troops. After rugged training which included paratroop jumping, skiing, snowshoeing, demolition and amphibious activities, he was sent with the First Special Service Forces, an international unit of United States and Canadian troops, to the Aleutian Islands.

"That isn't the kind of Special Services people usually think of when they hear the term," he says. "We had nothing to do with entertainment. We just entertained the enemy—by getting rid of him."

After his return from the Aleutians, Corporal Shook was sent to Fort William Henry Harrison at Helena, Montana, for additional training for overseas duty in the European Theatre of Operations. The outfit, under the command of Gen. Robert T. Fredericks, was known as "Freddie's Freighters," and was in combat in Algiers, in Italy in the Cassino sector, on the Anzio beachhead, and in Rome. Corporal Shook was wounded when Rome was taken, and almost lost his right arm as a result of the injury. He has been hospitalized for two years and five months, and came to Letterman in February after treatment in three other California Army hospitals—Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys; Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, and Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Camp Lockett. During that time he has had 30 operations, and cheerfully says he expects another 30, but this time he means thirty

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Bruce Olsen of ward F-1 is looking forward to seeing his wife and their two sons, 4-year-old Gary and 2-year-old Tim, this week end. It's some time since he's seen anything but their pictures, but they plan to come up from Van Nuys to see him. And speaking of the pictures, Mrs. Olsen looks like a movie star and the youngsters look like potential Hollywood material too.

Stanley Litoff of ward F-1 might look as though he's reading "How to Listen to Music," but he's really brooding about "How to Get Out of the Hospital" and back to his outfit at Hamilton Field.

With only two more hours to go after seven months in the hospital, Joe Sikorski of ward F-1 was happily packing his gear while waiting for his wife to call for him. He's returning to duty at Fort Scott, and very glad of it.

On E-2 Pat Segrue is resistant to publicity, and prefers to write those letters to Fresno in secretive silence. Somehow that's not like the Irish!

Stanley Klaus came over from C-2 to play pinochle with Morton Gronsetti and Alfred Sadmune on E-2, and all three were bothered by kibitzers. They didn't complain, though.

Johnny Q. Vicente of ward E-2 is weaving a handsome hanging with a red rose design. Says it's for a gift, but doesn't say who the lucky giftee will be. Maybe someone in his home town, Seattle.

Dallace Barry, Jr., has entertaining stuff to tell his fellow patients on ward F-2 about his trip to Mexico as a member of the crew of Errol Flynn's yacht, the "Zaca."

Jacob Brandfass of ward F-1 is days in the cast that's now on his arm.

Corporal Shook points with pride to the war record of his wife, who went to work at McClelland Field, Sacramento, when he went into the Army, in order to take over the responsibility of their three younger children of high school age. Their son, S/Sgt. Jack Shook, recently received his discharge from the Army, and their daughter is the wife of S/Sgt. Henry Zanon, who is now in Germany. The Zanonis have a 3-year-old son, Rikky, which makes Corporal Shook a grandfather, and he's mighty proud of that record, too.

making a handsome tooled leather purse which is going to make a wonderful receptacle for the terrific assortment of odds and ends and cosmetics and junk a woman insists she has to have on hand in a handbag.

Found! A GI whose initials are G.I. He's G. I. Edwards of ward F-1, and the G. I. stands for George Ivan. George has a membership card sent him by his sister-in-law which proclaims him a member of the "High-Brow Society of Bald Heads of America." Said sister-in-law is still wondering where her membership card in the "Liars Club of America" came from, and as far as G. I. is concerned she's likely to go on wondering.

Easterners usually comment on the friendliness of Westerners, but not Pasquale Saccoccia of ward F-1. Pasquale is from Rhode Island, he's 18, and the world looks dark. He claims San Franciscans are unfriendly, but his fellow patients are proving to him that it's not so.

That black-and-white sign 74 K 109 attached to Karl Gerheart's bed in ward D-2 isn't because they've given him a number, he keeps explaining. It's his license plate for his new car, which has been waiting for him for two months, in storage in Union Square Garage. He has its picture to keep under his pillow, but he hasn't seen the car in person. So he's planning a super fender bender for the future.

When men have realized that time has upset many fighting faiths, they may come to believe that the ultimate good is better reached by free trade in ideas—that the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market. That is the theory of our Constitution.—**Oliver Wendell Holmes.**

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success; we often discover what will do by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.—**Samuel Smiles.**

The world is so small, so interdependent we cannot help but share the happiness and sorrow of one another, as among the members of a family.—**Dr. Wei Tao-Ming.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



LEONARDA WITKOWSKI
Technician Third Grade

The complete name is Leonarda Felicia Witkowski, but her pals have rhymed that down to T/3 Lee, which suits her very well. It seems that when T/3 Lee's mother was a little girl in the fourth grade she had a schoolmate named Leonarda, and she liked the name so much she decided that when she had a daughter she would be called Leonarda. Since she had a good memory, that's how it was.

T/3 Lee is desk sergeant in the clinical laboratory here at Letterman, which keeps her busy on the phone, in the files, and as she puts it, "directing traffic in the lab." Besides her daytime work she does a stint in the evening, as cashier at the Post Theatre. This means that she gets to see all the movies, which she doesn't find hard to take.

Her home is in Cleveland, Ohio, where she enlisted in the WAC in April 1943. Next stop was Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic training, and from there she was sent to Camp White, Ore., where she was assigned to surgery. She had a two-month course of training at surgical technicians' school at Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., and returned to Camp White in June 1944, to work as a laboratory technician until April 1945, when she came to Letterman. She likes her job here because it has so much variety.

She likes horseback riding, golf, skiing, and swimming, and earned her school letter for sports and an achievement medal as well at Shaker Heights High School. She studied violin for seven years, but hasn't played since she's been in the Army. Her hobby is collecting ash trays, really nice ones, and her collection includes trays from Indian and China as well as the domestic variety.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Delight Heatly of the Laundry became the bride of Lieutenant Frye of the Navy last week at Grace Cathedral Church in San Francisco. After honeymooning at Carmel, Lieutenant and Mrs. Frye will make their home in San Francisco.

Three of the glamor girls from Reconditioning were on duty this week in the Community Chest booth on the ramp—Helen Hoffman, Harriet Baken and Betty Strunk. They were kept busy taking contributions and handing out those Red Feather buttons.

A real football rooter for U. S. C. is Elizabeth Patterson, the tall attractive blonde from the Information office. She hopped a plane last Saturday morning and arrived in Los Angeles in time to cheer for her Alma Mater. Immediately after the game she returned home by plane.

Jean Metro of the Linen Room is a proud grandmother this week, and doubly proud because her granddaughter, who was born last Monday, has been named for her—Jean Margaret.

A few days leave from the Finance Office gave Lillian Ferguson the opportunity to act as hostess to friends from Los Angeles. She had a lot of fun taking them sightseeing.

The deepest sympathy of her friends is extended to Corinne Boyett and her family on the recent death of her father.

Myrtle Kirby is back on duty in the Library after an enjoyable two-week vacation spent at Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nevada.

"Mickey" Fenn of the Separation office is back from a seven-day leave which she enjoyed very much. She even did a "good neighbor" deed during her leave, spending one day taking care of three lively youngsters. It turned out to be fun, but just a little tiring.

Helen Dietz of the Record Room took her first plane trip this week when she flew to Seattle for a week's leave.

It was a sad story—they had to walk back from a boat ride. Bob Gianannoli, Bob Nelson and Danny Rasmussen of the Finance Office left Sausalito to go fishing, but the boat upset, their clothes got soaked, and—no fish. They spent their time drying out around a bonfire and hoping for better luck next time.

After cheating the barber for over two years, Marjorie Jones of the Information office became the victim of a hair stylist. Her new coiffure is very becoming and she says

SHE'S BEEN IN EVERY STATE BUT TWO—MAINE AND FLORIDA



Miss LEONE ROBERTSON
Hospital Train Unit Red Cross Worker

In her year and a half at Letterman, Leone Robertson of the Red Cross, who is assigned to the Hospital Train Unit, has covered a lot of territory. Averaging two trips a month, when the trips last from 13 to 15 days, means practically living on wheels, and a state of constantly going places. Result: Leone has been in every state except Maine and Florida, and of course she expects to get those in one of these days.

One Red Cross worker is assigned to a train of 16 to 17 cars, and is responsible for the recreation of the patients en route to destination. Leone organized games, put on quiz programs, arranged whenever possible for birthday parties, complete with birthday cake supplied by Red Cross canteens along the way, and

it's easy to fix, too.

Lenice Herrick of Finance Office spent Saturday afternoon enjoying her favorite sport, horseback riding in Golden Gate Park.

Gilbert Grady of Military Personnel will probably never live this one down. He locked the doors of his shiny new Oldsmobile—with the keys inside! Then he had to send back home for the other set.

thought up interesting subjects to start discussions among the patients. "Sometimes the discussions developed into arguments," she says, "but they never got too serious." On one trip, thanks to the chaplain at Letterman, the chapel organ was on the train, and the patients enjoyed song fests.

Two out-of-the-ordinary trips were the war brides' trains. On the train with their mothers were babies ranging in age from seven to fourteen months, and Leone says she learned no less than three ways to change diapers during those trips.

Leone has been with the Red Cross since February 1942, and did volunteer work at Letterman as a Gray Lady and worked at the USO and the Stage Door Canteen before she became a member of the regular Red Cross staff.

Her home town is Seattle, and after receiving special training in Red Cross work in Washington, D. C., she was sent to Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Washington. Four months later she came to Letterman, and because of her previous work here as a Gray Lady, it seemed like coming home.

MORE WAR DEPT.

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ing peace; (b) mobilization and final training of the Nation's wartime Army can be completed rapidly in an emergency; (c) qualities of leadership can be developed and outstanding leaders selected for further training; (d) the aptitudes of the Nation's manpower can be established and classified and special skills developed; and (e) each civilian community can be composed in part of men who have received intensive training in the latest methods of warfare and would be able to defend and assist the community in the event of local disasters resulting from initial enemy action.

Under the plan, trainees would enter the UMT for training only, would remain civilians and would not be available for combat or other operational requirements except in an emergency declared by Congress. The War Department would determine and execute all policies affecting military matters and a Civilian Advisory Board, appointed by the President, would counsel the War Department on all non-military matters.

The trainees would be governed by a special Code of Conduct and would not be subject to the Articles of War.

The age of 18 is fixed as the minimum age of enrollment although all men between the ages of 17 and 20 would be eligible for training. Voluntary enrollment at 17 with parental consent would be allowed and deferment until 20 would be permitted so that individuals could complete high school.

After the first six months of intensive training the trainee may elect one of the following options in lieu of the second six months training: (1) enlist in the National Guard; (2) enlist in a Class "A" Organized Reserve Corps unit; (3) enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and attend a college ROTC with government aid, agreeing to accept a Reserve Commission, if offered, and serve on active duty; (4) enlist in the Enlisted Reserve and attend a college ROTC, agreeing to accept a Reserve commission if offered; (5) enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and attend a technical school with government aid, agreeing to serve in a component of the Army upon completion of the course; (6) enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and attend a technical school; (7) enter a Service Academy or (8) enlist in the Regular Army.

MEDICAL DETACH

This has been a comparatively quiet week around the detachment. It seems that all men contacted claimed they experienced absolutely no excitement during the past week.

M/Sgt. Alfred Kozaczewski, T/Sgt. Louis Frada, T/3 C. Peterson Jr., T/5 Walter Taylor, T/5 George Hammatt, Pfc. Edward Zidar and Pfc. Jose Barbosa have taken the first step toward separation. They have left for their respective homes to use the remaining days of their terminal leave.

Being a "Hoosier," I can easily understand why Pvt. Bob Nelson was so happy about leaving for furlough; six months is a long time to be away from Indiana.

Cpl. Ted Wilson of the Personnel Authorization office was in such a hurry to get to Ohio to spend his 15-day furlough that he made the trip by plane.

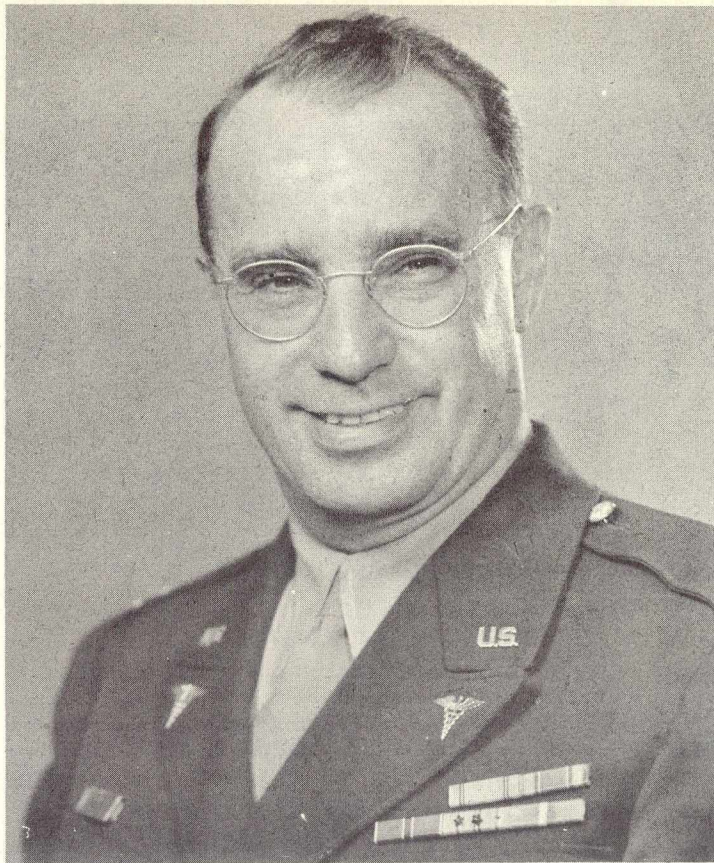
Other men on furlough are: Pfc. Leroy Grendele, Pfc. Frank Seibert, Pfc. John Wynn, Pfc. Carlos Carpenter, Pfc. Topsis Kemp, Pvt. David Lipka, Pvt. Donald DeRoche, Pvt. Verl Young, Pvt. P. Locsis, Pvt. Bob Bassinger and Pvt. Augustine Holgwin.

Cpl. Cordell Reagan is back on duty after spending some time in the hospital as a patient.

Several of our men have left for the overseas Replacement Depot at Camp Stoneman, California. Those who went: T/5 Everett Hupp, Pfc. Lawrence Madsen, Pfc. Clifton McMillan, Pvt. Gilbert Hudson, Pvt. Rossie Alston, Pvt. Calvin Johnson and Pvt. David Simon.

We welcome 12 new men who have reported from Camp Polk, Louisiana, and also 32 new men who reported from Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Several of the fellows from Fort Sam Houston are not total strangers here at Letterman since they spent several weeks as members of our detachment in April and May of this year before being shipped to Texas. They are recent graduates of the technicians course and will perform applicatory duty and take on-the-job training at Letterman. In the group are 17 Surgical Technicians and 15 Medical Technicians.

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS IN THE ARMY HE'S STILL MAKING CIVILIAN PLANS



Lt. Col. LAWRENCE B. HANSON
Commanding Officer, 79th Field Hospital

Lt. Col. Lawrence B. Hanson, commanding officer of the 79th Field Hospital unit which arrived at Letterman recently, rejoices particularly in his assignment here because it brings him within weekend distance of his home and family. His wife Pauline and their 8-year-old son Allan Willis, live in Santa Barbara, and Colonel Hanson hasn't been assigned to a post that near home in more than four years.

He received his medical degree from the University of Iowa, and after interning at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, he returned to the University as instructor in hygiene and medicine, where he remained from 1930 to 1933. In May 1933 he came to active duty as an Army Reserve officer, and was on CCC duty until 1939. During that time he was district surgeon at Medford, Oregon and Lewiston, Idaho.

He came to the presidio of Monterey in 1939, and was adjutant and executive officer at the Station Hospital at Fort Ord for three years.

Going to Camp White, Oregon in

1942 he was assigned to the 24th Field Hospital and went overseas with that group in June 1943. His overseas duty was with the 24th Field Hospital and the 21st Evacuation Hospital and he served in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville, Luzon, and Manila.

In Manila the hospital expanded rapidly from a 400 to a 2,000-bed capacity, and 10,000 patients were admitted in 100 days. Colonel Hanson returned to the United States last November, and joined the 79th Field Hospital at Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, Ill., where he remained until Mayo closed and the 79th came to Letterman in September.

He wears the Bronze Star with three battle stars, the Legion of Merit, the Philippine ribbon, pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and Sixth Army unit citation.

He is a native of Iowa, but decided shortly after his first assignment on the Pacific Coast that "California is a good place to live," so his family moved here in 1940. He

Anything For A Laugh

He loved her so much he worshipped the ground her father struck oil on.

Pvt.: "Remember when you were a private, and I asked you to lend me some money, and you refused?"

Sgt.: "Yep."

Pvt.: "Well, now that you're a sergeant, will you lend me \$5?"

Sgt.: "Nope."

Pvt.: "Congratulations! I'm glad to see that success hasn't changed you."

Dottie: "I was trembling when the soldier kissed me!"

Dolly: "Why, you've been kissed before, haven't you?"

Dottie: "Yes, but never in a jeep."

Joe: "We are now passing the world's largest brewery."

Jim: "I'm not."

"Was she the kind of a girl to whom you might give your name?"

"Yes, but not your right name."

The Navy is a tradition in my family. My father was a famous captain. All his life the finance companies referred to him as "The Old Skipper."

A soldier went to the barber shop after a grueling 30-mile hike. He slumped down in the chair.

"Gimme a shave," he said.

The barber told him that he was too far down in the chair for a shave.

"All right," said the soldier wearily, "make it a haircut."

Young man—"Sir, I want your daughter for my wife."

Father—"And I, sir, am not willing to trade."

"I don't feel so well, doctor. It's my breathing."

"I'll see if I can stop that."

Overheard at a dance:

She: "Swell party tonight!"

He: "Yeah, and I'd ask you for the next dance, but all the cars are taken."

says he is looking forward to practicing medicine as a civilian one of these days, although after 13 years in the Army it's not easy to be anything but Army-minded.



"Robby wuz robbed!" is not a new cry in New York's colored district, where Ray "Sugar" Robinson is little less of a fistic idol than world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. But the cry is intensified by champion Marty Servo's second ease-out of a welterweight title bout with the Harlem Dancing Master. For it appears that Robinson is destined to carry on for some time with only the meager glory of his wartime recognition as the "uncrowned king of the welters."

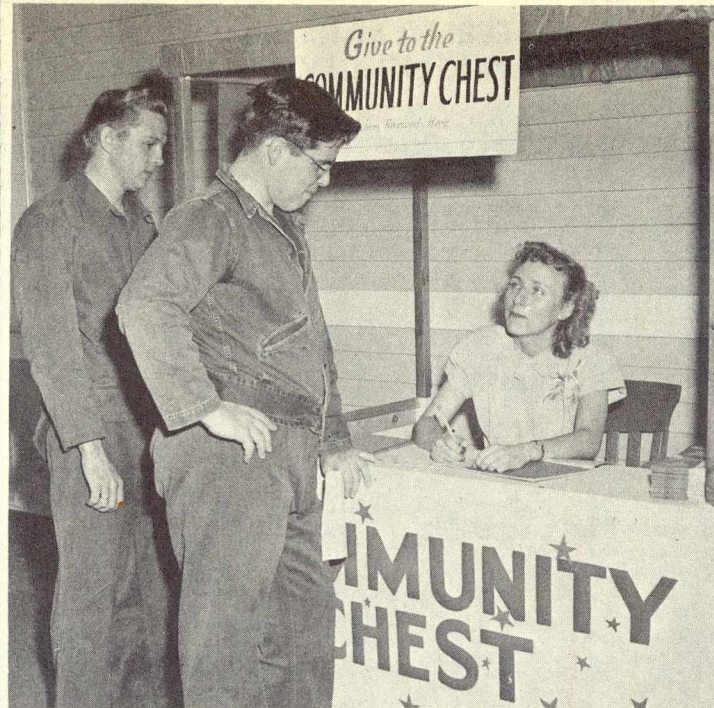
Servo was scheduled to meet Robinson on September 6 in Yankee Stadium. But again a nasal obstruction, "deviating septum," or (in plain language) a busted beak, furnished a reason for Manager Al Weill to refuse to let Marty go through with the bout. Robinson had been quoted as a 5 to 1 favorite.

Refutations of "run-out" allegations, elaborations on potential ramifications of cancellation of the match, and various explanations could fill several pages. Essential facts may be summarized briefly. Servo is not lacking in courage. He is a war and ring veteran who has proved his "guts." He did not have to be very good to wrest the title from Freddie Cochrane, but he is a pretty fair fighter. And there is no question about the injury to his nose. Although the New York State Boxing Commission declared his title forfeited, Servo still is champion within the jurisdiction of the National Boxing Association.

Ray Robinson is in the same spot he was all during the war. His military career was brief and efforts were made to discredit his discharge, but Sugar Ray weathered the storm as easily as he evaded the blows of his ring opponents. His six-year record is marred only by a loss to Jake LaMotta. Later he beat Jolting Jake twice. The Harlem Dancing Master is weary of being the victim of the waltz-around. He wants a chance to drive in for the title "kill." And he has earned it.

Exicted young father: "Quick! Tell me—is it a boy?"

Nurse: "Well, the one in the middle is."



THE COMMUNITY CHEST BOOTH

At Letterman, with Harriet Baken of Reconditioning Division on duty. Corporal Wiley Polk of Oakland and Private Charles Phillips of San Francisco, patients, pause to give their contributions on the opening day of the drive.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Many veterans are signing up with the Veterans Administration in good faith for on-the-job training without making sure the firm where they are employed is approved to give training. Some find after the expected subsistence check does not arrive that the firm has not been approved.

The Veterans Administration may not pay subsistence to a veteran during on-the-job training unless the place of his employment has been approved by the appropriate state agency.

Certain standards must be met before an establishment can be approved as a place of training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. If an employer doesn't know where to apply for such approval, the nearest VA office will be able to advise him.

Question: If an employer has been granted approval to give on-the-job training after a veteran began work for him, will the veteran be eligible for subsistence pay from the time he started training?

Answer: If the veteran is otherwise eligible and the firm has been

approved retroactively to cover the beginning date of training, the answer is Yes.

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Question: I am going to college under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and working full time on the side. Am I eligible for subsistence payments?

Answer: Amount of outside work is no longer a factor in determining eligibility for subsistence. You may receive subsistence as long as it, combined with your other income, does not exceed \$175 or \$200, depending on whether or not you have dependents.

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Question: May I make larger payments on my GI loan than my regular installments when I am able?

Answer: Yes. You have the right to repay at any time without premium or fee the entire indebtedness or any part of your loan, but not less than the amount of one installment or \$100, whichever is less.

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Question: Is a veteran's wife entitled to medical treatments in VA hospitals or clinics?

Answer: Not unless the wife is

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. The Reconditioning Division is in charge of the Community Chest Fund campaign for Letterman. The personnel, both military and civilian, have responded wholeheartedly to date—with General Hillman as the first donor. The Red Feather, symbol of this year's drive, was coveted by the American Indians as an award for outstanding service. Today it's a sign that you cared enough to give.

A substantial portion of all Community Chest funds, now as well as all during the war, is used for activities serving military personnel both overseas and at home. Among such recipients of chest funds are USO, Veterans Service organizations and many other worthwhile activities in which the Army benefits directly.

The little red booth in the main hospital corridor is headquarters for contributions.

2. A limited supply of the book, "An Invitation to Spanish" is available at the Reconditioning Office, and may be borrowed on a library-loan basis. It is a gay and simple guide to the reading and speaking of Modern Spanish.

3. The American Legion (California) has set up a fund whereby patients may take free of charge correspondence courses from the University of California Extension Division. The courses cover such fields as: Aeronautics, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Biology, Business Administration, Economics, Engineering, English, the Languages, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Psychology, and Zoology. Sign up at Education Reconditioning, Bldg. No. 1049.

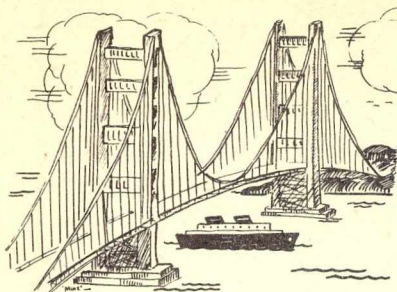
4. A one-handed typing class is held in Bldg. No. 10049 Tuesdays from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m. Register at Reconditioning.

5. The General Educational Development Tests, high school level and college level are administered in Bldg. No. 1039 daily. Drop in for information about the tests.

6. Be sure to fill out your Form No. 47 (Application for Credit for Military Training) before discharge if you're planning on continuing your education.

7. Welcome too 1st Lt. Robert S. Levy, newly assigned to Educational Reconditioning.

herself a veteran. VA medical care is limited by law to veterans themselves.



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General Stilwell, Famed Burma Hero, Dies at Letterman

General Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Sixth Army Area, died here at Letterman on Saturday last after two weeks as a patient. He was 63 years of age.

When the news that his condition had taken an unfavorable turn became known he was the object of interest and concern throughout the country. The local newspapers and the news wire services made frequent calls for bulletins on his progress. Individuals made personal queries by wire and telephone and the prayers of all creeds were his during the last illness.

General Stilwell was a member of the Class of 1904 at the Military Academy at West Point and had been an outstanding soldier all his military life. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for military attainments of high order in World War I. His years of service in China between wars fitted him for the China command that was to bring him into world prominence. To honors already received he won the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action, and oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit for "service of exceptional distinction in the China-Burma-India Theatre."

For one award he felt a high regard and regretted it could not be his. It was the "Combat Infantry" badge given his beloved doughboys for action against the enemy. Generals were not eligible for this award on their own recommendation and he was the senior general in China. On the day before he died the Secretary of War had authorized the Combat Infantry Badge for the heroic Burma commander.

WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON

8 October 1946

Major General Norman T. Kirk,
The Surgeon General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.
Dear General Kirk:

While in San Francisco on October 2nd it was my privilege and pleasure to visit Letterman General Hospital. Brigadier General Hillman and his staff escorted me throughout my visit there. I desire that you present to General Hillman and his staff, and the officer, enlisted and civilian personnel of the hospital, my compliments. I derived great satisfaction from what I saw.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT P. PATTERSON,
Secretary of War

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General

Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman,
Letterman General Hospital,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear General Hillman:

It is with pleasure that I forward the copy of letter from the Secretary of War.

Please extend the compliments and appreciation of General Kirk to all the members of your staff.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
R. W. BLISS,
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

In keeping with the expressed wishes of the general, funeral services were strictly private at the family home, Llanfair, in Carmel, and his ashes were dropped from an army plane over the Pacific near his home. The pilot of the plane was Major Emmett J. Thiesen, who had flown the general on many trips over the "Hump" during the days of the Burma campaign.

General Stilwell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Winifred Allison Stilwell, two sons, Colonel Joseph W. Stilwell and Benjamin W. Stil-

well, and three daughters, Nancy, wife of Colonel Ernest Easterbrook, of the Infantry School staff at Fort Benning, Ga., Winifred, wife of Major William E. Cox, 6th Army staff, and Miss Allison Stilwell.

During his last illness General Stilwell was under the care of Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of the Surgical Service, Lt. Col. Vince Moseley, Assistant on the Medical Service, and Lieuts. Virginia Thomas, Goldie Phillips, and Jane G. Peers, of the Letterman nursing staff.

Memorial Service In Washington To Honor Nurses

A memorial service to commemorate the sacrifices and heroism of the Nurses of the Armed Forces will be held Sunday, October 20, at 3 p. m., in the amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D. C. The service will be under the auspices of the Office of The Chief of Chaplains.

A special program has been arranged, and the address will be delivered by The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, The Secretary of War. Mr. Patterson will be introduced by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General. Chaplain (Major General) Luther D. Miller, The Chief of Chaplains, will give the Greeting, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William J. Walsh of Bolling Field the Invocation. Chaplain (Major) Henry Tavel will pronounce the Benediction.

There will be musical selections by the choir of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and by the U. S. Army Band.

The unforgettable service record of the nurses who helped to save lives during wartime, both overseas and at home, deserves and has a special place in the memory of every American. The nurses of the armed forces have earned the gratitude not only of the men injured in combat, but also of their families at home. During World War II, 196 members of the Army Nurse Corps died in line of duty.

Patient Shares Wheelchair Lifting Device Idea

Lt. Glen Gaddis of ward 25 has invented a lifting device to make wheelchair transportation simpler, and instead of patenting it, he wants to share it with his fellow-patients who may have encountered the same problems he has had.

He first thought of the idea of the lifting device because of the difficulty of getting a wheelchair on and off trains. "I went home to Salt Lake City on a hospital train, but the return trip was something else, because I knew I'd be coming back on an ordinary train, so I got busy and worked out my idea."

Lieutenant Gaddis has since found the lifting device useful not only on trains, but also in getting through narrow doorways and up narrow stairways.

"Just the other day I visited friends in Berkeley and was able to get in and out of their house with a minimum of bother to them, where before I hesitated to go to see them. The lifter works something like the sedan chairs used a long time ago."

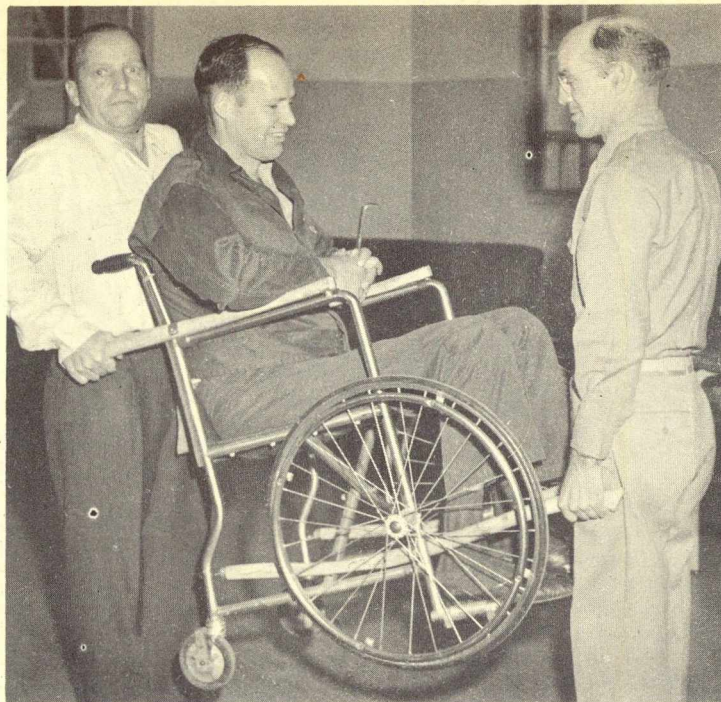
The device is simple to make. It requires four axle handles, with curved pieces of scrap iron attached to the sides and iron screw hooks to the ends, by means of which the axle handles are hooked onto the wheelchair.

Two of the handles are shortened, and lie along the arms of the chair, projecting several inches at the back to provide the rear lifter. The other two axle handles are left the regular length, and are attached to the lower bar beside the large wheels. These extend in front of the chair, and are the front lifters.

"The regular handles on the wheelchair are too close to the chair to make easy lifting practicable," said Lieutenant Gaddis. "But these axle handles stick out far enough in the back and in the front so that two persons can lift chair and patient fairly easily."

In order to narrow the wheelchair so that it would roll along the aisle of the train, Lieutenant Gaddis devised an iron bar, curved at each end, which makes it a few inches narrower. The bar for his wheelchair is 13 inches long, but he pointed out that this would vary because of the varying width of different types of chair. To get down the train aisle the outside measurement of the large wheels should not be over 21 3/4 inches.

Lieutenant Gaddis came into the Army in 1941 from the Reserve



HE INVENTED A LIFTING DEVICE

For his wheelchair. Lt. Glen Gaddis gets a lift from Maj. Lyle King and W/O Raymond Walker. This shows how Lt. Gaddis' axle-handle lifters make it easy for him to be carried up and down stairs and onto trains. The iron bar in his hand is used to narrow the wheelchair seat so that the chair will go down the aisle of a train.

Corps, and was first stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. Other duty stations included Boulder City, Nev., Fort Mason, San Francisco, Fort Ord, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He spent two years at Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, and was there when, on V-J Day, he was stricken with polio.

He was first hospitalized at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., then was sent to Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah. He came to Letterman when Bushnell closed.

He is the proud father of four sons, Bobbie, 13, Donnie 10, J. R. (James Rodney) 6, and Warren, 3. Their mother's name, which is Franc Ida, occasionally gives Lieutenant Gaddis a little trouble because people keep wanting to spell it Frances, and he keeps explaining that it's just Franc and, no, he hasn't left off a couple of letters.

He enjoys swimming in the Letterman pool, and is having driving lessons here at the Hospital on a specially equipped car. He has a new Oldsmobile waiting for him at home, in which he intends to have the hand driving device installed.

CENSUS

As of 15 October the patient census at Letterman showed:

Present in hospital..... 2407

Absent on leave or furlough 723

Total patient strength..... 3130

He occupies his time in a variety of activities—chess, leatherwork and wood-burning being three of his current interests. He has developed his own modification of various kinds of points on his electric wood-burning pencil, and has worked out a number of interesting designs to decorate ornamental wooden boxes.

Playing the accordion is another of his accomplishments, though he insists that in his case three-quarter time means three beats to the measure and four mistakes. However, reliable ear-witnesses say this is just modesty.

Any patients who want to know more about the wheelchair lifting device, which could be called the "Gaddis-Gadget," can contact Lieutenant Gaddis on ward 25, and he will be glad to demonstrate its use.

Personnel Management Stressed By War Dept.

Washington (CNS)—Recognizing that scientific management and intelligent human relations are the keys to overall efficiency and effective utilization of manpower, the War Department has begun a top-to-bottom indoctrination of the Army in the application of personnel management practices.

The five primary objectives of the program as set forth by Col. James H. Banville, Coordinator of Personnel and Administrative Instruction in the Army school system, are as follows:

1. To put the right men in the right place by means of proper selection and assignment.
2. Increase his availability for work by controlling his absence from the job and looking after his welfare.
3. Stimulate his will to work by creating the proper incentives.
4. Increase his ability to produce by proper training.
5. Utilize him fully on essential tasks.

"When considering the factors which contribute to success in war," Col. Banville said, "let us not lose sight of the most important single asset of any Army—its personnel... which is the most difficult to secure and replace."

Every Regular Army officer on active duty will receive training in successful personnel management and administration. Already, a hand-picked group of officers is being trained to form a nucleus of personnel experts on whom the Army will draw for knowledge in instilling a high degree of personnel-mindedness.

A course in "Military Psychology and Leadership" has been included in the curricula for upperclassmen at the United States Military Academy.

Finally, an education and training school at every post, camp, or station will offer officers a program in personnel management and related subjects.

Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, Director of Personnel and Administration for the War Department, explained the Army's program in this manner:

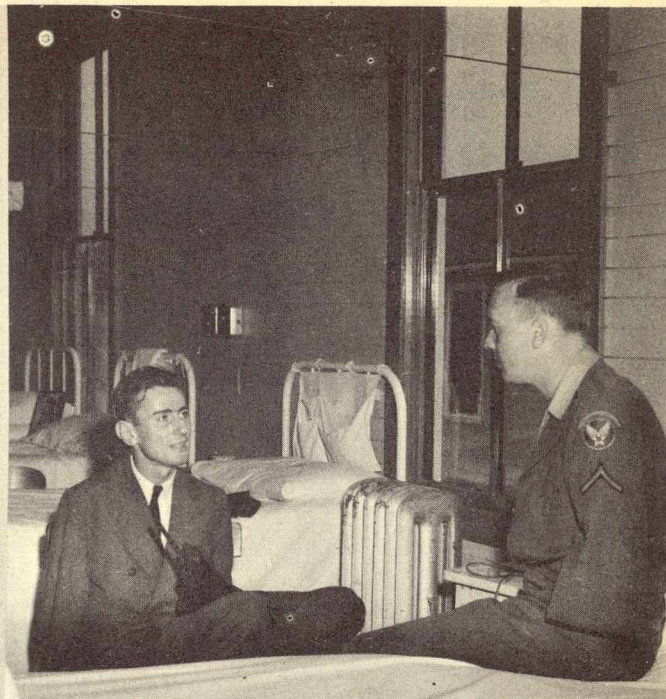
"The attention of business leadership is being focused as much on men as on methods. Business is finding means to provide in increasing measure the things every individual in industry wants: namely, justice in terms of fair play and fair dealing, a sense of individual importance, opportunity and security. They realize that the management of men and the development of morale are so inseparably associated that they are properly considered as one.

"If business and industry have found it not only wise but essential to stress personnel matters to such an extent, it is doubly important that the Army not only does likewise but actually takes the lead."

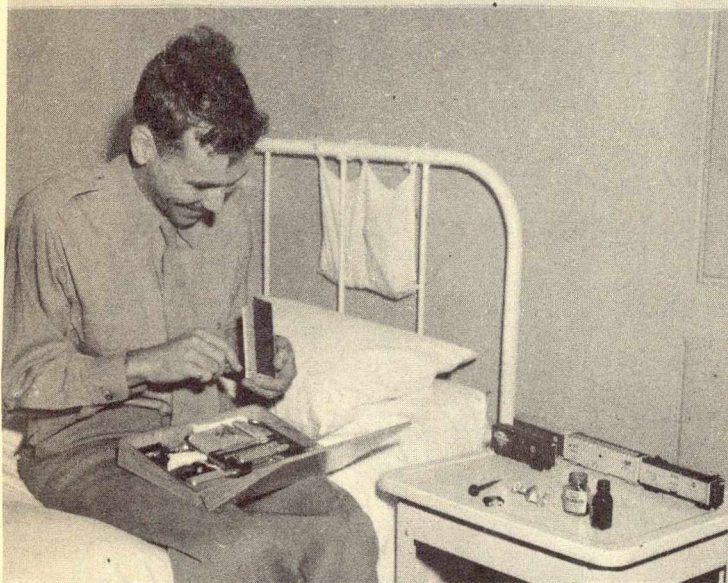
What The Camera Eye Caught at Letterman This Week



Hear "Kate" of the "Y" over Station KLGH every Monday and Tuesday at 3:15 p. m.



Chaplain Harold Wilke talks things over with Lester Pagh of ward 42.



Captain Edward Bowes, Jr., of ward 25 is work-in' on the railroad. He has now finished three engines and 20 cars for his model railroad.



Ella Mae Morse says it with song.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

"VINEGAR JOE"

When death claimed the beloved commander of the Sixth Army Area on Saturday last we of Letterman felt that it was a privilege to have served him during his last days on earth.

General Stilwell had lived a full life of forty-six years in the uniform of the army. The four stars indicative of his rank meant that he climbed to the heights reached by only a few in the long history of the service. The decorations awarded him were merited by a high performance of duties. He was a man among men.

From his eminence he might have looked down on his world with a feeling of complaisance but he preferred to look around him and brought to his level the men who had shared his days and years. The lot of the lowliest private was a matter of deep concern to him; a concern emanating from his great heart.

He liked the nickname of "Vinegar Joe" but those who came within the orbit of his influence were well aware of the complete absence of vinegar in his make up. He pretended to be a gruff soldier but no one had a warmer feeling for the men under his command.

To his men he was "Uncle Joe" and there was a constant question as to whether their admiration exceeded their affection. The last "Taps" has sounded for General Stilwell but wherever soldiers gather

WAC

From the October "Circular Letter" from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains comes this tribute to the Women's Army Corps: "The WACs are the best soldiers in my command," remarked the commanding officer of an important military installation. Chaplains who have soldiered with WACs can easily understand this high-ranking officer's endorsement of these women in uniform.

WAC morale is inevitably high. Their cheerfulness is contagious. WAC professional competency strengthens many an Army organization. In the handling of paper work and office management they do outstanding work. WAC conduct is also exemplary. They ask no special privileges because of sex, yet they bring to the Army the high standards and excellencies of the women of our land.

The whole Army has benefited by the presence of the Women's Army Corps. We chaplains are particularly aware of the splendid service rendered by them. WACs have served as chaplain's assistants, Sunday School teachers, organists, choristers; they have worshipped faithfully in the congregation. Volunteers, they serve God and Country cheerfully, competently and faithfully. Neat in appearance, they look like soldiers. Cheerful, obedient, they act like soldiers. With sincere appreciation of their splendid work, and genuinely grateful for their assistance, the Chaplain Corps salutes these women in uniform.

T/5 Emily Ruscak's birthday last week was made extra-special when she received a dozen talisman roses telegraphed to her from Missouri by her "one and only."

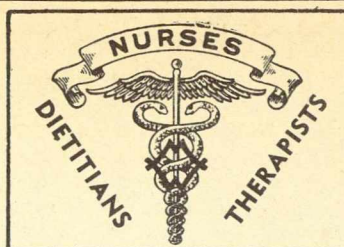
T/4 Leola Huffman took off on a three-day pass this week to visit her family in Santa Barbara.

Sgt. Mary Liles was the guest of honor at a stork shower last week at the home of M/Sgt. Opal Glenn. Twenty-five members of the WAC detachment came bearing gifts and managed to surprise Mary—but completely, she says. She is still oh-ing and ah-ing over the gifts and the good time she had at the party.

T/4 Frances Black has been welcomed back from a Los Angeles furlough.

his name and his fame will remain unburied.

A great soldier has marched into the beyond.



Congratulations go this week to two members of the Army Nurse Corps and a member of the dietetics staff, who received their promotions from 2d to 1st lieutenant. They are: Rose Baron, ANC, Ruth Ellen Byram, ANC, and Jean Audrey Iverson, MDD.

Lt. Frances DesPrez of Physical Therapy surprised and pleased her co-workers by returning from her leave a week early. They needed help and she turned up at just the right moment. She spent two weeks at Carmel and Yosemite, but didn't make it to Alabama because of transportation difficulties.

Enjoying brief leaves from their ANC duties are Lt. Goldie Phillips, Lt. Sarah B. Holmes and Lt. Grace Bender.

There are lots of mysterious plans afoot these days for the forthcoming Halloween party to be held in the Nurses' Recreation Hall, of which more details as they develop.

Capt. Ruth M. Christiansen is back from her leave, which she spent in Chicago, and reports a wonderful time.

Lt. Helen Beck is on leave in Los Angeles, and Lt. Theda Reed's leave destinations were Lake Tahoe and Salt Lake City.

Physical Therapy will be doing without Lt. Vida Buehler for 30 days, while she goes to Seattle to spend a week with her mother, then dashes down south to stay with friends. Her itinerary sounds like a railroad time-table—Los Angeles, Pasadena, Hollywood and Palm Springs.

Off for Camp Beale and separation from the ANC this week were Capt. Frances E. Ardill, Lt. Mary C. Rose, Lt. E. Ann Brown and Lt. Dorothy P. Cooke.

T/5 Mae Esani enjoyed a recent visit from her sister, who came up from Long Beach.

Goodbyes were said this week to eight potential civilians who left for Camp Beale—Sgt. Jean Argie, S/Sgt. Ellen Ness, T/4 Rebecca Monroy, T/4 Dorothy Holloway, T/5 Charlotte Russell, T/5 Dorothy Farmer, T/5 Marjery Guerrero, and Pfc. Phyllis Kelley.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 20, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

The Nickname

A press release by the Public Relations Office of the 6th Army tells the origin of the sobriquet which the late army commander liked best.

When he was instructing at The Infantry School, he had occasion to administer a well-deserved reprimand to a junior officer. To relieve his own feelings, this officer made a drawing of a vinegar jug with a dour-faced sketch of General Stilwell on it. Below the General's portrait he printed three X's and directly under them the word "vinegar." Near the jug handle he inscribed the words, "made in China."

With considerable temerity, the officer tacked the "Vinegar" sketch on the class bulletin board, and awaited the wrath of his superior. General Stilwell, however, was so amused by the sketch that he asked to keep it. He later made copies of it to pass out to friends. Henceforth the appellation "Vinegar Joe" became inseparably attached to his name.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. John L. Wilson, a boy, John Lloyd III, born 9 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frederick Weichel, a boy, Kenneth Fredrich, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 10 October.

To W/O and Mrs. Lawrence Webb, a boy, Christopher Gordon, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 10 October.

To Lt. and Mrs. Chester Webb, a girl, Susan Louise, weight 9 pounds and 1 ounce, born 12 October.

ON THE SPOT



HARRY ROGERS
Staff Sergeant

Though he's a native of Michigan, S/Sgt. Harry Rogers claims Jersey City, N. J., as his home now, and says if you want to call it "Joisey City," it's with the accent on the "joy." The accent is on the joy for him because he's expecting to leave the hospital in a couple of weeks, and he's going to be mighty glad to get home again. The gladness will be tempered with regret at leaving Letterman, he says, because he's made so many good friends here.

Harry came into the Army five years ago at Newark, N. J., and was stationed for a time at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where he was supply sergeant. Later, just as he was about to leave from the east coast for overseas duty, he broke his leg in an accident, and before he could leave the hospital, it became necessary to perform an operation on his hand.

This is his second time as a patient at Letterman. He was here in 1943, then was transferred to Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park in May 1944, remaining there until it closed, when he came back to Letterman.

"Because I felt so badly about not getting overseas, I tried to do as much as I could to help other patients," he says. "I gave bed calisthenics to patients in casts, and also taught weaving."

During the war he broadcast appeals for blood donors eleven times, and on one occasion was on a special program with Shirley Temple. He was also a blood donor himself.

He enjoys swimming, gardening and music. He likes to play the piano, and speaks French fluently. Last week he was master of ceremonies at a concert in the Recreation Center and got a lot of fun when it was time to award the door prize—insisting that the lucky win-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Norman Greer left ward 31 with a light heart and a walking cast, after many months as a bed patient, and is enjoying himself on furlough at home in Beverly Hills. To add to his enjoyment he has a new Olds, said to be the only 1946 convertible coupe in town.

Leonard C. Lowdermilk was sorry to leave the boat he was building in O. T. Shop, but for every other reason he was glad to be transferred to Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek, because it's near his home.

Edward Bowes, Jr., of ward 25, is a fast man with a tool when it comes to building model railroad cars. In the two months he's been at Letterman he has built two engines and 16 cars. He says his two-year-old son, Edward III, is already showing an interest in model railroading.

The Ramp Razzing Society went into action one afternoon this week when a few patients got together to tell about each other. There was none of this talking behind anybody's back—everybody said what they had to say while the victims listened. They kept asking Jake Kaiser about his trips to Tracy, and told him he was spending too much money on phone calls there, making five calls a day. They didn't find out anything from Jake, though. He just turned his attention to a passing G. I. who had so many creases in his uniform that Jake asked him where he got the "barracks bag press." Irvin Mannes kept saying he was the quiet type, but everybody refused to believe it, especially when he kept asking Frank Soto about his gardening activities—something about how the "clinging vine" was coming along. Chung Hoy happened by and Francis Kelly wanted to discuss the relative merits of Dutch Klenzer and Bon Ami with him. He wouldn't talk. Kelly was on his way out for an evening of merrymaking, and had just stopped by to collect a few envious looks from his pals.

Sam Stokes of ward E-2 is making a good-looking salad set, a large fork and spoon, from lucite.

On ward C-1 "Alabama" (Robert Luster) was taking off for a 30-day furlough in Alabama, and his pals

ner would get a bottle of Mumm's champagne. "The one who got the prize really saw red—it was a bottle of grenadine!"

were giving him a nice sendoff.

Henry Kremeneck, known on C-1 as "Tex," and you can guess why and you won't be wrong, was putting the finishing touches on a red-and-white knitted scarf, and didn't have to be persuaded to sing the praises of Texas. Then he and Ira Slater, once of Kentucky, but who now calls himself a Californian on account too many fast horses (?) in Kentucky, sang the praises of ward C-1, with particular reference to the nurses, Vaddis Pack, also from Kentucky, says it's his favorite ward, too. You can see what's about to happen there—a Boosters' Club or a Chamber of Commerce of C-1 will be organized, with "C" standing for colossal, of course.

Robert Evans and Richard Alexander, who went to see "The Outlaw" as official movie critics for ward D-2, reported it as a dull pic, and they are still trying—unsuccessfully—to get the rest of the ward to finance their tickets.

Richard Chambliss has a little difficulty sometimes explaining how he was injured in a plane crash while he was sitting in a jeep. However, that's how it was. The jeep was in the plane, and Chambliss was sitting in the jeep. Confusing, isn't it?

Albert Jeffries, an ardent rooter for the Cardinals, got a collect telegram the day after the Series ended. He paid \$1.04 for the privilege of getting it, and opened it in a happily expectant mood. It was from Schenectady, N. Y., from one Joe, former ward man on D-2, an equally ardent rooter for Boston. The telegram was brief. It said "Ha! Ha!" Jeffries will gratefully accept any donations from other Card rooters on the ward to help defray the cost of the telegram.

Woman (to maid): "When I interviewed you at the employment agency, you told me you never got tired, but this is the third afternoon in succession I have come into the kitchen and found you asleep."

Maid: "Yes'm. That's why I never get tired."

"Madam, I'm representing the Goat Mountain Wool Company—would you be interested in some coarse yarns?"

"Sure, go ahead, let's hear a couple."

WAC OF THE WEEK



KATHERINE HOTTINGER
Corporal

Vivacious Katherine Hottinger, whose brown eyes sparkle as she talks, says wanderlust is practically her middle name, and that she joined the WAC for "adventure." As far as the wanderlust is concerned, being a WAC didn't contribute too much, and on the adventure count, Katherine isn't talking, but she likes her assignment here at Letterman so much that the wanderlust is temporarily in the background.

She joined the WAC in March 1945, went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for her basic training, and then came to Letterman, her one and only station to date. At first she worked on the various wards, then, at her own request, was assigned to duty on S-1, and has now been there nearly a year. Her work is with the women patients, and she has taken special Occupational Therapy training, so that she can work with the patients and teach them various skills. Her own favorite is leathercraft.

Katherine is from Philadelphia, and her parents live there. Shortly after the war began, she came to Southern California. "I had always been curious about electrical work," she says "and I got a job working with precision instruments." Later she worked in one of the shipyards on marine electrical work, and installed radio and inter-communication systems on ships. She calls electricity a "a fascinating field."

She likes dancing, bowling and hiking, and when she says hiking she really means it, because one of her hiking trips took her up Mount Tamalpais. Wonder if she knows that those who go up Mount Tamalpais—on foot, that is—become confirmed Californians? Northern California, that is.

CIVIL CIRCLES

It wasn't the camera that told the fish story this time, it was the actual fish—eight steelhead trout sent by Duke Dutro of Pharmacy to his co-workers here. He caught them in Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he is leading the life of a fisherman for a few weeks.

Helen "Smitty" Smith of the Detachment of Patients, was getting a lot of compliments this week on her new brown alligator pumps. They're really glamorous. The latest report on the number of pairs of shoes Smitty owns is 31. And now that she has a pair for every day of the month, she's working on accumulating a pair for every day in the year, it says here.

Mary Johnson of the EENT Section is counting the days until the arrival of her twin sister, Martha, ex-Army nurse, who is returning to San Francisco after six months duty in a hospital in Hilo.

"Maggie" Trumpour of Finance had a casualty while swimming last week and injured her toe, which explains why she had to limp around the hospital in those colorful yellow wedgies.

Stella Jackson and Jean Peetz keep one another company in their new headquarters in the lower Laboratory.

While the warm sunny week ends are still holding out, Harriet Baken of Reconditioning and Alice Torgerson of Finance left the city the better to enjoy one, and Gay Cuyoube of Dental Clinic visited friends in Santa Cruz and went to the Redwoods in La Honda.

Among last week's resignations were two from Service Record Section, with Agnes Schell leaving for a trip to her home in Klamath Falls, Ore., and Lucille Jennings going to her home in Kansas City, where she will be married on Thanksgiving. Lona Noble left the Laboratory to work at the University of California Hospital, Mary Ann Hannon is transferring to the Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco, and Beverly Rhodes will work at Berkeley General Hospital. Charles Wise of Reconditioning is leaving for Des Moines, where he will be an instructor in the Veteran's Hospital.

"Daddy," said Junior, "today at school a boy told me I look just like you."

"And what did you say?" his father inquired proudly.

"Nothing. He was bigger than me."

KITTY O'DARE OF THE FOLIES BERGERE IS KITTY MILLER TO US



Miss KITTY MILLER
On the stage she was "Kitty O'Dare"

At Letterman she is known as Kitty Miller, but the stage knew her as Kitty O'Dare in the thirties, when she was dancing star in the Folies Bergere, and entertained the pleasure-seeking crowds in Paris, London and Vienna. Coming home to the United States after her triumphs abroad, Kitty found success in New York and Hollywood with the dance she originated—the "shim-sham," and her name appeared frequently in the newspaper columns, from Winchell to Sobol to Hedda Hopper.

Kitty was born in Jacksonville, Fla., 34 years ago, and by the time she was 20 had established herself on the stage. She inherited a large fortune after the death of her uncle, Daniel Miles Flynn, the Florida turpentine king, but she continued her dancing career. Her scrap book tells of spectacular spending by Kitty in the entertainment of her friends.

Grief over the loss of her third husband, Frank Stevens, Jr., member of the 1929 Walker Cup golf

team, made her leave Los Angeles.

"The war was going on, and I asked myself what I could do to help. My money was all gone, so I couldn't help that way," she says. "I worked for two years at Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, then came to Letterman." Since then Kitty has worked as a waitress in the dining room of ward A-1.

She doesn't like to talk about herself, or the days that are past, though she sometimes looks wistfully over the scrap book that is filled with clippings telling of her triumphs.

She would rather look ahead, because new happiness is in store for her. She has announced her engagement to Lt. George Harms, a patient at Letterman, and is making plans for her wedding next spring.

Jane, complimenting Mary on her driving ability; "My, you're handling this car like a veteran."

Mary: "How do you know? You've never seen me handle a veteran."

Posts to Separate Own Dischargees Under New System

Washington (CNS) — A new separation plans, one of the many economy measures created in concurrence with President Truman's order for greatly reduced expenditures of the Armed forces, will return Army enlisted personnel directly to civilian life from their permanent Posts in the United States rather than from separation centers at other installations, has been announced by the War Department.

Gradually all continental separation centers with the exception of about three—one for the East Coast, one for the West Coast and one for the New Orleans area—will be deactivated. These will be necessary for processing personnel returning from overseas, who, in the meantime, will continue to be processed through one of the seven present separation centers.

Commanding officers of State-side installations already have been authorized to process their own men who are eligible for discharge, if their Posts have necessary facilities for separation. Personnel of Camps and Posts in the U. S. which lack the required facilities will be dispatched to the nearest Post with adequate discharge machinery.

The immediate effect of the new plan will be to relieve separation centers of a great deal of the strain placed upon them by the lowered discharge qualifications and speedy return of overseas personnel to this country for discharge. The personnel inflow, because of this, is greater than the processing output. Separation of men at their permanent stations will reduce the numbers of those coming into discharge centers and allow them greater freedom to concentrate on overseas separations. Later the plan will allow the deactivation of all but three of the present separation centers.

Personnel of U.S. camps and posts who are eligible for discharge will be sent on terminal leave or discharge if they have no accrued leave, directly from the Post and will be given a travel allowance from the point of separation to their homes. Their discharges will be mailed to them when their terminal leave is finished.

The War Department announcement emphasized that men up for discharge will be given the same advice, service and guidance on veterans' rights, insurance and GI Bill of Rights normally accorded at a separation center.

MEDICAL DETACH

During the past week the World Series seem to have been the main topic of discussion around the detachment. Those who were lucky enough to be near a radio to hear the games agree that it was one of the best Series in many years.

Furlough bound this week are S/Sgt. John Tracy, Cpl. Edmund Reetz, Pfc. Roland Perkins, Pfc. Abenicio Gonzales, Pfc. Leo Summers, Pvt. Richard Brownell and Pvt. Julio Almaza.

The unfortunate men of the week are Cpl. William Hill, T/5 Robert Pelletier, Pfc. Paul Deputy, Pvt. Andrew Perez and Pvt. Charles Gorman. Reason: They are now on patient status in the hospital.

T/5 Louis Alore and T/5 Bonifacio Ramirez are again on duty status, since they just left the hospital as patients.

The Post is now in process of organizing a football team and all detachment men are invited to try out. So far approximately 33 men have reported for the first few practices that have been held. Anyone who is interested should contact Cpl. Pilo Apadaca, better known as "Arizona," at the Gym.

The energies which freedom in this land of our unleashed have performed miracles of progress toward ever better and fuller ways of life, and there are no visible boundaries to restrain our further growth. One invisible, imponderable, but all pervasive obstacle stands athwart our path. We must use our new found power to serve and not to oppress each other, or the very well-springs of our strength dry up. As free men we compete, each with all others, in whatever line of endeavor we individually may choose, but our competition must be to serve best, not to get most, or we will consume ourselves in internal strife.—B. E. Hutchinson.

Newspapers are like women. They have forms, back numbers are not in demand, they always have the last word, they are worth looking over, they have a great deal of influence, you can't believe everything they say, there's small demand for the boldfaced type, they're much thinner than before, and every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbor's.

MAJOR WILLIAMS LEAVES LETTERMAN FOR WELL EARNED RETIREMENT



**Major LEMUEL R. WILLIAMS, MAC
Departing Provost Marshal**

After 34 years and three months of active duty in the army our genial sheriff has turned in his "star," unbuckled his belt and six-guns, and retired to civilian life.

Officially he held the assignment of Provost Marshal for the Letterman command, and formally he is Major Lemuel R. Williams, MAC, but to his intimates he was "Sheriff," and he ran his section without fuss or feathers all during his tenure.

When the war clouds began to darken the skies he was the first sergeant of the Medical Detachment holding a reserve commission as captain in the Medical Administrative Corps and he promptly accepted a call to active duty as captain. He has been at Letterman since 1934 and was well acquainted with all phases of administration in the command so he took over the desk of the detachment commander.

His more recent assignment as Provost Marshal afforded a very active official life for him and he became a master at the solution of all problems affecting the peace and security of the patients and duty personnel of the hospital. His staff consisted for the most part of civ-

ilian patrolmen until the reduction in force occurred last month when the major again had soldiers under his direction.

In his 34 years of service Major Williams has done duty in Panama, the Mexican border, and during World War I he served in Belgium, France, and Germany. After the war he remained overseas with the Graves Registration Service at the Paris headquarters until February 1923 when he returned to the United States with a total of five years foreign service credit. He thought that was enough of other countries and he remained in the homeland all during World War II.

The major has 60 days of terminal leave ahead of him and he plans to go back to his native North Carolina for a look see at the old homestead near Charlotte. He has no ambition to become a country squire and he says that of all the places he has seen in his long army career San Francisco is "tops."

So after all, it is not "Good bye" but only "Au revoir" because we hope to be seeing him frequently around these parts. The best wishes of the Commanding General, the staff, and all members of the command go with him into retirement.

Chaplain Wilke "Uses His Toes For Fingers"

Chaplain Harold Wilke, Protestant chaplain at Winter Veterans' Administration Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, visited the patients at Letterman one day this week, spending most of his time here on the amputee wards. He is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. James Farrar of Reconditioning Section accompanied him on his visit to the wards.

Chaplain Wilke lost both arms in a birth accident, and as he puts it, "I use my toes for fingers." He dresses himself, eats, writes, smokes, all by means of his toes. He swims and drives a car. He astonished the patients with his incredible dexterity.

"I am convinced that the best means of accomplishing all these things is through the use of prostheses," Chaplain Wilke said, "I am using the second best way, but I have had so many years to get accustomed to this second best that it no longer seems strange to me."

Three Months Left To Qualify for Quick Citizenship

Aliens who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II have less than three months left to qualify for quick citizenship under the Second War Powers Act of 1942, the Veterans Administration warned this week.

The Act expires on December 31, 1946, and affects all aliens who enlisted or were inducted into the service before December 28, 1945.

Recent reports indicate that approximately 100,000 servicemen and veterans have failed to take advantage of the right to obtain American citizenship as provided under the Act.

VA pointed out that those affected by the law are not required to file the customary declaration of intention and need not have lived in the United States for any specified time. Also, the alien petitioner is not required to speak the English language, meet any educational tests, or pay any fees for filing his petition.

Honorably discharged aliens who wish to take advantage of the law should apply to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service or inquire at their nearest VA office for further information.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

An average of 175 undeliverable subsistence checks a day are reported coming back to the Veterans Administration's San Francisco office because latest addresses of veteran students and on-the-job trainees are not listed with VA.

Unlike ordinary mail, government checks are not forwarded to a new address but are returned to the sender if the recipient no longer lives at the place given.

The VA is urging all veterans receiving subsistence payments to report changes of address immediately to aid in prompt check delivery.

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Question: I have just been discharged from the service and have been unable to find a vacancy in a school I wish to attend. If I don't go to school until next February or next fall, will I lose part of my eligibility time?

Answer: No. If you are eligible at all, you have until four years after discharge or termination of the war, whichever is later, to begin using that eligibility. The program will continue for nine years after the war is officially declared ended.

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Q. I am a veteran taking a regular apprenticeship training which will run for four years. Will the new law, which sets standards for on-the-job training, limit my training to two years?

A. No, it does not, if your course of training is recognized as apprenticeship by the state approval agency. The limitation of two years only applies to on-the-job training programs other than apprentice training.

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Q. Is it true that the new law sets a ceiling on how much a veteran can earn while in school or training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act?

A. No. There is no ceiling on wages or salary paid to a veteran by an employer. The limits set by the new law simply mean that when the veteran's income reaches that figure—\$175 a month without dependents or \$200 a month with dependents—the VA will not pay any subsistence to the trainee or student.

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Q. I served in the WAVES during the war. Will the Veterans Administration provide me with dental care?

A. If your dental condition is service-connected, you are entitled to treatment.

USO Opens Its Drive to Continue Services to Our Peacetime Forces

By Camp Newspaper Service

Although it is over a year since the war ended, the United Service Organizations continue to serve the peacetime soldier and help maintain the morale of G.I.s overseas and in the United States.

In fact, the U.S.O., not content to relax its efforts with the dwindling of the Armed Forces, has begun an intensive drive for \$19,000,000 with which to support its varied functions in the year 1946-1947.

According to a recent announcement from the U.S.O., 399 service centers will be maintained during the coming year in the continental United States, and an additional 25 overseas centers in the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Canal Zone.

With these places of recreation and relaxation, the U.S.O., its officials say, "will try to make a home away from home for the boys in Service."

A curtailment in U.S.O. camp show activities will result from the decrease in the organization's funds from the peak of \$66,000,000 in 1945. Shows are to be routed to Japan and the Philippines but none are being scheduled for the European Theatre.

Travellers Aid, always an important service of the U.S.O. during its five years of existence, will continue its activities in the larger cities, although in decreased extent.

The character of U.S.O. services will be changed distinctly as a result of the altered character of the Army. Extra emphasis is to be put, for example, on U.S.O. functions in Army, Navy, and Veterans Hospitals. Shows and parties for Service patients will be sponsored in increasing numbers. Another marked change in

U.S.O. activities has been necessitated by the greater number of teen-agers now in uniform. The ages for U.S.O. hostesses has been reduced to 16, in order to quiet the mounting complaints of G.I.s that the girls are too old for them.

The older, married servicemen have not been forgotten, however. Recreational facilities for their wives and children will be continued.

The new War Department ruling that soldiers may wear civilian clothes during off-duty hours has been accounted for in U.S.O. plans. G.I.s in mufti may gain entrance to a servicemen's center simply by displaying their passes.

Military leaders joined in praising the value of the U.S.O. In a recent statement urging public support of the organization, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower said:

"While there are now no front lines, there are still thousands of veterans in hospitals, and troops in occupation duty and in training all over the world. The routine of non-combat duty makes the U.S.O. as vital to the morale and well-being of the soldier as it has ever been. . . . The need for the U.S.O. is still with us, not as a luxury, but as a basic necessity without which the Army would be seriously handicapped in the accomplishment of its mission."

A similar statement was issued by Secretary of War Robert Patterson. "The War Department is deeply grateful to the U.S.O. for service rendered in war," he declared, "and is most anxious that these services continue until the full establishment of a lasting peace."

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Drop into the Occupational Therapy Shop any time to see the work that patients have done in the various crafts departments—leather, ceramics, plastics, jewelry, wood and many others. You may find something you'd like to do yourself. Mr. Nixon is in charge of Ceramics, with Sgt. Dorothy Rosenfeld, WAC, as his assistant. There will be an Arts and Skills Show, featuring Ceramics, beginning Tuesday, 22 October, 1946, and running through Friday, 25 October, 1946 at the O.T. Shop. The Red Cross Arts and Skills Volunteers will be there to assist and give information on the crafts that are to be shown.

2. The Dark Room is in the process of being enlarged, which is good news to the photo-minded patients. Ample supplies will be on hand, and Cpl. Weeks is on duty to assist and instruct daily, Monday through Friday. (Occupational Therapy.)

3. The LGH Chorus will sing on the wards Wednesday, 23 October, 1946.

"Part" rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Class Rooms, Bldg. No. 1049, and the regular Chorus Rehearsals from 7:00 to 9:00 Wednesday evenings.

Miss Baken will instruct a class in Sight Singing and Ear Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 4:30.

4. Lt. Frances E. Harlee, Chief of Educational Reconditioning Section, has just returned from Madison, Wisconsin, where she attended the USAFI Conference, and has the latest information concerning USAFI Correspondence Courses and the General Educational Development Tests.

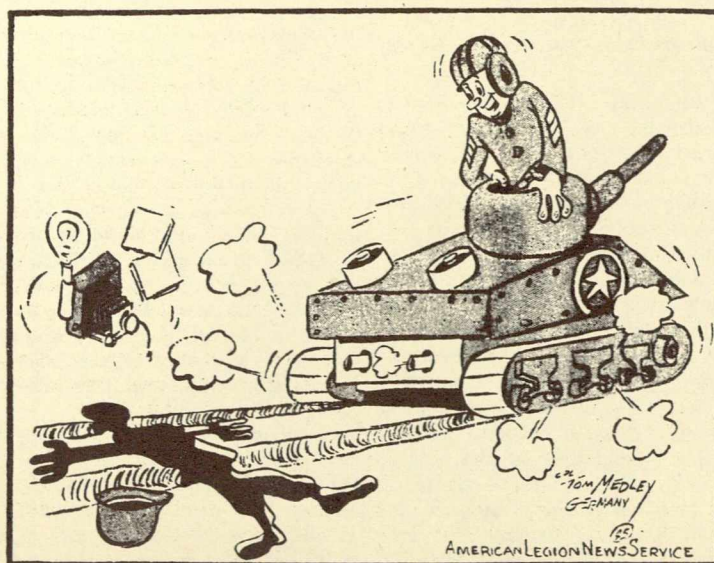
"You were 20 minutes late again this morning. Don't you know what time we start work in this office?"

"No, sir. They're always working when I get here."

Engineer: "If I start at a key point on a given figure and travel the entire distance around it, what will I get?"

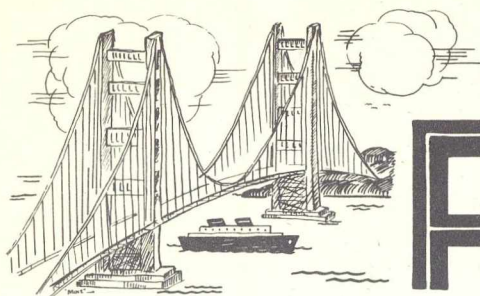
Girl student: "Slapped."

Sign on a truck: "This truck stops for all R.R. crossings, red heads and brunettes—and will back up one-half mile for a blonde."



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"Nice try, Witherspoon!"



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Two Awards Are Presented Here By Gen. Hillman

Two awards for outstanding military service, the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Ribbon, were presented to military personnel this week by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.

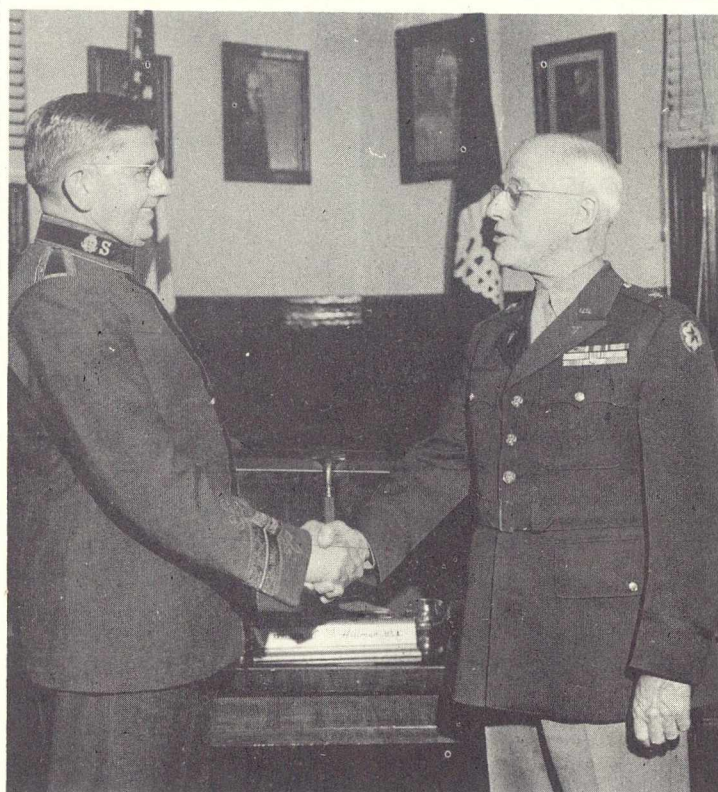
Lt. Col. Raymond McK. Williams of the hospital staff received the Bronze Star Medal at a ceremony in General Hillman's office, and Colonel William E. Griffin, at present a patient at Letterman, was decorated by General Hillman with the Army Commendation Ribbon. The latter presentation was made on the ward.

The citation for the Bronze Star stated:

"Lieutenant Colonel Raymond McK. Williams displayed meritorious conduct in connection with the transport of American prisoners-of-war by the Japanese from Takae, Formosa, to Fukuoka, Japan, from 10 to 30 January 1945. The Oryoku Maru and a second ship transporting the prisoners from the Philippines had been bombed. By the time the survivors boarded a third ship, only a handful of men could remain on their feet for more than a few minutes. Every day at least twenty men died of exposure, wounds, and starvation. Colonel Williams, voluntarily and with an expenditure of energy which might have cost him his life, held daily sick calls, cared for wounded and dying men, performed operations, and gave medical advice, all with improvised equipment and a meager supply of scavenged medicine. Through his tireless efforts, hope was maintained and lives saved."

Colonel Griffin's citation stated:

Colonel William E. Griffin, 011894,



SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL LEADER
General Albert Orsborn was welcomed to Letterman this week by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. General Orsborn, who is on a tour of the Americas, visited Letterman patients while at the hospital.

is hereby commended for his outstanding performance of duty (at Camp Beale) as Post Executive Officer (Chief of Staff) from 14 December 1945 to 8 September 1946. Colonel Griffin's loyalty to the service, his Commanding General, fellow staff officers and subordinate commanders was outstanding and unquestionable. His long and varied military experience and particularly keen insight and sound judgment in

connection with the problems of the Post enabled him to coordinate the efforts of all staff officers and sections in a superb fashion. His soldierly learning and quiet and unassuming manner together with his expert knowledge of the military way made him a respected leader and trusted teacher of often untrained fellow soldiers. His services were of inestimable value to his Commanding General."

Salvation Army Leader Visits LGH Patients

General Albert Orsborn, international leader of the Salvation Army, who was in San Francisco this week, spent an afternoon visiting Letterman patients. He was welcomed to the hospital by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. General Orsborn arrived in the United States recently from England, and will go to Cuba and South America before returning to Great Britain.

"This is the 'other army' invading—the peaceful one," General Orsborn remarked to one of the patients as he and the others in his party went through the wards.

Accompanying General Orsborn were Commissioner William Barrett, Western Territorial Commissioner; Brigadier C. Davidson, liaison officer recently returned from Japan; Brigadier Alfred Gilliard, editor of the International "War Cry," London; Lt. Col. T. B. Laurie, Chief Secretary, San Francisco; Major Hubert Goddard, General Secretary, London; and Don Pitt, editor, Western Territorial "War Cry."

Five members of the women's corps of the Salvation Army were also in the party, and brought flowers as a gift from General Orsborn for the Letterman patients. They were: Brigadier Pauline Eberhart, Captain Muriel Taylor, Captain Natalie Peterson, Adjutant Wilma Smith, and Lieutenant Elnora Torgerson.

Letterman Patient Says "It Pays to Be From Peoria!"

After his appearance last week as the star question-answerer on the "Truth or Consequences" radio program, T/4 Donald Fitzgerald, a patient at Letterman on ward K-1, can take as his slogan "It pays to be from Peoria!"

Sergeant Fitzgerald left for Hollywood by plane last Friday, knowing that he was to appear on the program Saturday evening, as the GI from Peoria, Illinois, but not knowing anything else about what was in store for him.

"I wonder what questions they'll ask me?" "I wonder if I'll be nervous?" "I wonder what it'll be like?" he kept asking himself. But he had to wait 'til 8 p. m. Saturday to find out. The suspense even continued through the program, and he didn't know until nearly the end what a pleasure it could be to take the consequences when you didn't know the truth.

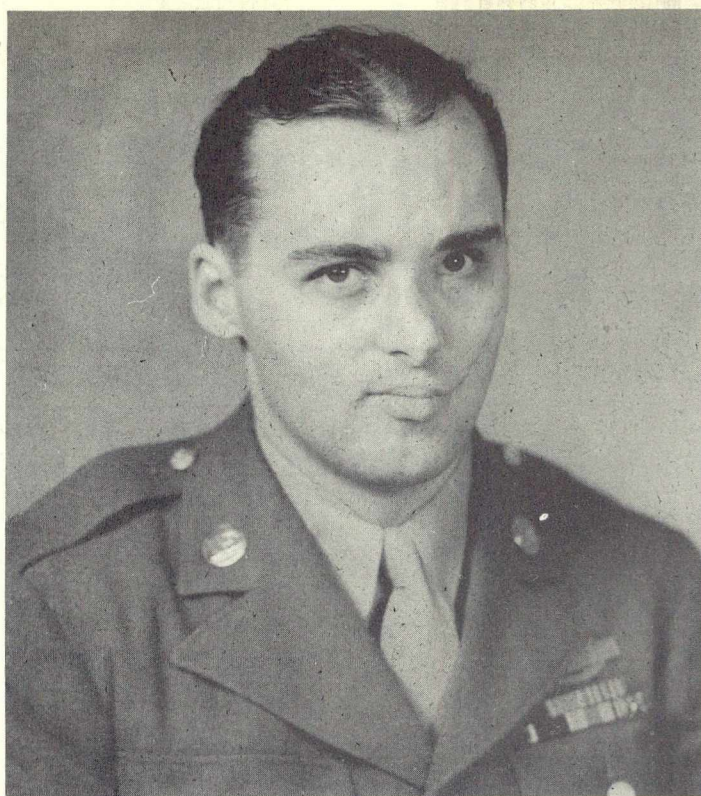
After introducing Sergeant Fitzgerald to the eager audience, and telling them about his combat wounds received, as it was put on the program, when "he was hit in the Ruhr pocket," Ralph Edwards, the "Truth or Consequences" master of ceremonies, asked him to tell the audience about his injuries.

Don might have wondered a lot about whether or not he'd be nervous, but he didn't sound as though he were. "My eyes were injured and I lost the sight of one. I have a plate in my head, and I got a hand and leg injury from the shrapnel that hit me. My face was badly cut up, and I had a lot of plastic surgery done on it."

"D you miss Peoria, Don?" Edwards wanted to know. "I sure do," Don told him.

Then Edwards asked the crucial question. It was one of those trick deals in which they specialize on that program—"What besides coffee does Brazil produce more of?" Don hesitated over that one, and he got the bell that announces to the victim that since he hasn't told the truth he must take the consequences. And if you're wondering what Brazil does produce more of than coffee—it's Brazilians!

Then came the first surprise for Don. By means of a special hookup and a microphone on the steps of the courthouse at Peoria, Don got to talk to his family and a lot of his friends at home. Edwards told them Don would need a job when he got home, and asked to have any job offers phoned in at Peoria



T/4 DONALD FITZGERALD
Appeared on the "Truth or Consequences" radio show and found that it pays to take the consequences.

so they could be relayed over the radio hookup.

While they waited Don talked to his hometown folks. His wife Mary said "Hello, darling. I just wish you could step through the mike and be here." His mother, Mrs. Millie Fitzgerald told him "I can't wait 'til you get home, son," and his brother Toby got in a brief hello message.

"Peoria has really turned out for Don," the announcer in Peoria told the audience. "You'd think we were giving away nylons and steaks!" Mr. Baumgartner, the principal of Roseville High School, told Don how much he missed him. "I used to see you in my office pretty frequently, you remember." His seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Martin, was there to greet him, and another teacher, Mrs. Olsen, asked Don if he remembered having to write "I must not chew gum" 500 times. Herman Lichtenberger, the butcher; Harry Steinberg of the Athletic Club; and Willie and Howie Lamb, all had messages for Don. Dusty Rhodes, who drives a taxi, promised to take everybody who had come down to the courthouse to talk to Don home free "if it takes 500 trips."

Meanwhile offers of jobs were coming in and being reported to Don. There were several, but one from the Caterpillar Tractor Company, where Don worked before he was in the Army, seemed to be the one he wanted most.

"What do you think of that one, Mrs. Fitzgerald?" Edwards asked Don's wife.

"Anything Don wants will be fine with me."

So the first consequence was a good job waiting for Don when he leaves the hospital, which will be in the very near future.

Then came another consequence, one of those things that just don't happen, only this time it did. Don and his wife Mary have a new home waiting for them in Peoria. A completely furnished house which is theirs rent free for a year. Furniture and all the extra luxuries were supplied by Peoria business houses. Besides the usual furniture the house is complete with radio, refrigerator, table and bed linen, dishes, lamps and bookcases.

Then for an extra special, a Peoria store is giving Mary a year's supply of dresses.

Don said good night to Peoria and "Goood night, honey," to his wife.

The program closed with thanks for cooperation to Major General Norman H. T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, and to Letterman General Hospital.

Don came into the Army in July 1942, and was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, then to Fort Sam Houston for advanced training. Assigned to the 95th Infantry Division, he next went to Louisiana on maneuvers. Before going overseas he was at Camp Coxcomb, California, Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, and in West Virginia. In August 1944 he left Camp Miles Standish, Boston, with destination England. After a month in England, the division went to France, landing at Omaha Beach, where they relieved the 5th Division.

He took part in the Metz offensive, and after duty in Holland and Belgium, crossed the Rhine with his division. Shortly after that he was wounded by shrapnel, and was flown back to England for hospitalization. When he returned to the United States he was sent to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. He was later a patient at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., and Wm. Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, before coming to Letterman.

"I was in hospitals for 14 months, and I had to have 11 or 12 operations, I forget which it was, but I never suffered any all the time I was in the hospital," said Don.

In May 1944, a few months before he went overseas Don married Mary Rentsch. "It wasn't a wartime romance, either," he says. "We'd known each other for four years."

Don was born in Omaha, but the family moved to Peoria when he was two, so Peoria is his real home town. And now he is going back there to a good job and a home that he and Mary didn't expect to have so soon. Quite a game, that "Truth or Consequences!"

New Coach

Pvt. Art Miller is the new coach for the Girls' Basketball team, and will be at the gymnasium every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. All girls are cordially invited to come to the gym for practice on these nights.

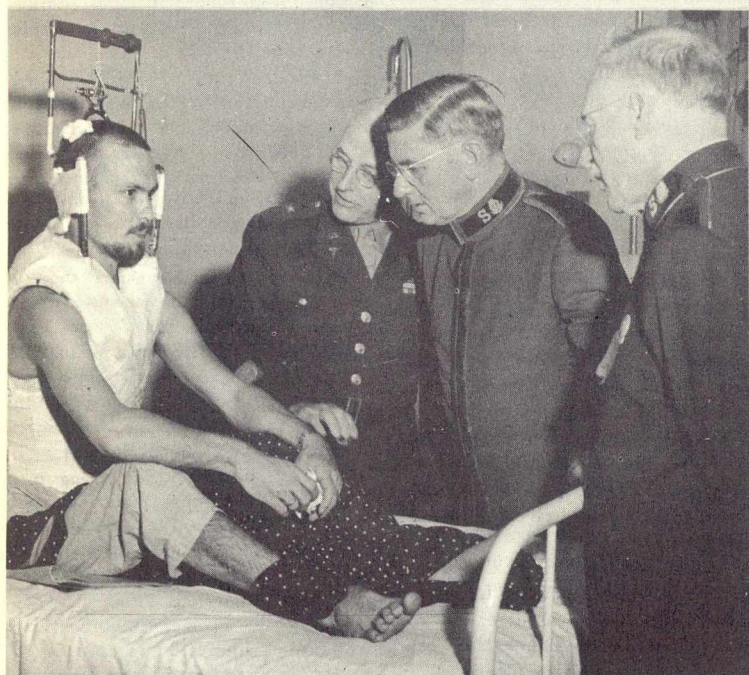
Around And About With The Letterman Cameraman



Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman congratulates Lt. Col. Raymond Williams, after presenting him with the Bronze Star Medal.



T/Sgt. John Holmes looks over the Arts and Skills Corps leatherwork exhibit on display in the Occupational Therapy Shop.



Sgt. Kenneth Rue, ward K-2, receives a visit from (L. to R.): General Hillman, General Albert Orsborn, international leader of the Salvation Army, and Commander William Barrett, Salvation Army Western Territorial Commander.



Lt. Elnora Torgerson, Salvation Army, presents flowers for the patients, a gift from General Albert Orsborn (right) to Lt. Natalie Walker.

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EDITORIAL

TRUE PATRIOTS

A recent graduate of Yale, Nathan Hale was teaching school when the Revolutionary War broke out. He served with a Connecticut Regiment at the siege of Boston, and became a Captain with Knowlton's Rangers. Just after the battle of Harlem Heights, Washington was in desperate need of information as to Howe's intentions. Hale offered to enter the British lines and find out. "I am fully aware of the consequences of discovery and capture," he told a brother officer. "I am not influenced by the expectation of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary to the public good becomes honorable by being necessary."

Under Washington's direct instructions, Hale disguised himself as a schoolmaster and made his way into New York. He was captured the 21st of September, 1776, and was brought immediately to General Howe. He admitted his errand and was condemned to die. The provost marshal refused to give him benefit of a chaplain or the use of a Bible and the farewell letters he wrote to his sister and his fiancée were destroyed before his eyes. It is said that while waiting to be hung on the following day he stated, "I regret that I have only one life to lose for my country."

Nathan Hale is typical of the type of American who



Seven promotions from 2d to 1st lieutenant earned congratulations this week for the following members of the Army Nurse Corps: Lieutenants Freda M. Cornell, Margaret A. Davis, Denise L. Desorcie, Violet E. Klein, Jane C. Peers, Edna K. Russell and Mary C. Wall.

Then to cause a further run on the silver bar department came three promotions from 2d to 1st lieutenant in Physical Therapy Section. Congratulations there go to Lieutenants Mary I. Paine, Beatrice L. Sandhoff and Edith Dumond. A promotion party was given for the happy three on Friday.

Big doings are under way in preparation for the Halloween party to be held in the Nurses' Recreation Hall on October 31. Members of the entertainment, the decoration and the all-important refreshment committees are busy making last-minute plans. There will be a special orchestra for the dancing.

Captain Rita Richards of the dietitians staff left for Camp Beale and the civilian world this week. She is returning to her home in Tucson, Arizona.

Lt. Claire Egan, Lt. Hazelle Wiggin and Lt. Mary E. West of the ANC have been transferred to the train unit.

Lt. Gladine Freedline and Lt. Vernal Pyper are on temporary duty with the train unit, and will both take a short leave before returning from current trips on hospital trains. Lieutenant Freedline's trip took her to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver; Lieutenant Pyper's to Fort Dix, N. J.

Lt. Helen Tracy of the dietetics staff spent last week end enjoying herself in Los Angeles.

brought us victory over the Axis forces. Their patriotism, like that of Nathan Hale, moved them to great acts of bravery and valor. It is fitting that when we remember the hanging of Nathan Hale we remember the men who fell for the same reasons in the recent war. — Service Stripe AMC, Washington, D. C.

WAC

S/Sgt. Mary F. Hart, WAC, recently of Letterman, and now in Berlin, Germany, assigned to the OMGUS (Office of the Military Government, United States), received the following letter from Colonel Westray Boyce, Director of the Women's Army Corps:

S/Sgt. Mary F. Hart, A-927359
U. S. Forces, European Theater
APO, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Sergeant Hart:

The WAC officers at Camp Kilmer, as well as the officers on the shipment, have reported the splendid volunteer work you and other WACs did in helping with the processing of our recent overseas shipment.

Your efforts were invaluable in the smooth operation of the replacement center and were appreciated by all of us. Such contributions parallel the high idealism of the Women's Army Corps and add to the fine records of service that have been built up during the War days and are still being built during the important interim period.

My thanks to you and my best wishes that your overseas tour of duty will bring you great satisfaction and joy.

Sincerely,
WESTRAY BATTLE BOYCE
Colonel, G.S.C.
Director, Women's Army Corps

Sgt. Hart and a group of 19 WACs reported to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on the 7th of October, 1946, and sailed for Europe 10 days later. Captain Stephenson, WAC Commander of the WAC Detachment at Letterman from the time it began its activities in April, 1945, sailed with the girls and is stationed in Berlin with Mary. Sgt. Florence Fyfe is also in Berlin, and T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton has arrived in Vienna, Austria.

The detachment said a reluctant farewell to T/Sgt. Mary Liles, who left this week to assume the role of a full time homemaker. Mary can't get too far from Letterman, of course, because her husband, Jim Liles is still on duty at the gym.

T/Sgt. Josephine Jacobs, on her first three-day pass in her four years in the WAC, spent it enjoying herself at San Mateo.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 27, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 080800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

ANC Needs 750 Nurses to Fill Recall Quota

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, reported that about 250 nurses have returned to active duty in the Army Nurse Corps but 750 more vacancies must be filled before November 30 to prevent a shortage.

During November and December approximately 3,500 nurses will be eligible for separation due to the volunteer statements they have signed. And about 75,000 soldier patients remain in Army hospitals throughout the world.

A recall quota for 1,000 nurses was authorized by the War Department last month to guard against a possible Army nursing shortage. From a peak wartime strength of 56,000 nurses, the corps has dropped to less than 10,000 at present.

Nurses returning to duty are advised to bring along their favorite civilian clothes as they may be worn during off-duty hours.

On return to duty, the nurse will hold that rank she held immediately prior to processing for separation and she must sign up for 24 months or an unlimited length of time.

General standards which all returning nurses must meet are: No dependents under 14 years of age, physical qualification for general duty, preferably under 34 years of age and unmarried. Those over 34 years with special qualifications will be considered.

The photo lab welcomed Pfc. Sally Craig last week when she was transferred to Letterman from Service Detachment, Sixth Army. She has been working as projectionist at the Post Theater.

ON THE SPOT



RUDOLPH SCHLEIF
Technician Fifth Grade

You might think the nickname of Rudolph Schleif would be Rudy, but it's Kenny. His middle name is Kenneth, and until he came into the Army, he was Kenny to his family and friends. But the Army has a way of getting your first name and your middle initial down on paper, and then it follows you around. But he prefers to be known as Kenny.

Kenny is from Columbus, Wisconsin, and came into the Army in 1941. He was first at Camp Callan in San Diego, and when the war broke out was sent to Fort Worden, Washington, near Port Angeles. This turned out to be a lucky assignment, because it was while he was there that he met Margie, the girl who is now Mrs. Schleif.

He was at Camp Angeles for a time, where he had a chance to do the same kind of work he has done as a civilian, and he liked that. He was under Army Motion Pictures as a projectionist. He's looking forward to doing that work again when he gets out of the hospital, and says he isn't likely ever to get bored with his job, because movies are his favorite entertainment. He not only watches them while he's running them, but also goes to more movies just as a spectator. "Movies and eating are my biggest hobbies." Playing pinochle is the other one.

In 1944 he went to Texas for field artillery training, and was at Camp Bowie and Camp Barkley. In June 1945 he went overseas to Leyte. He was injured there in a freak truck accident which resulted in the loss of his leg. After a month's hospitalization in the Philippines, he returned to the United States and after a brief time at Letterman was sent to Bushnell General Hospital in Utah. When Bushnell closed he came back to Letterman.

His wife and their nine-months-old son, Dick Lamar, are now living nearby, in Richmond, and Kenny

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

Barney Leonard of C-2 was mulling over the materials in the kit for a Bell P-39 Airacobra model plane, and planning to get started putting it together right away. The fact that one hand is temporarily incapacitated didn't stop him, either. When he finishes that one he'll start on a Stinson "Reliant" which will have a 6-foot wingspread. Charles Girsberger, just back from furlough, will work on the Stinson with him. Barney also designs his own model planes, cutting the parts from a block of balsawood.

Johnnie Raya is happy these days because he's about to get his discharge and is going homing back to Los Angeles.

Irving Mannes of C-2 is seen often in the Marina lately, and spies report that he has found the girl of his dreams. He refuses to tell anyone her name, but denies that he fears competition will set in.

Elmo Morgan lends a touch of elegance to ward E-2 with his shell cigarette holder, and they don't razz him about it either—much.

Paul Jansen of ward E-2 plays his guitar and tries to remember how a certain song goes. It's "I Got a Right to Sing the Blues." Why that particular song he doesn't say, but he does say "I don't owe anybody any money, but a lot of people owe me money." Maybe that's the reason? Could be.

Only because Cecil Brooks was threatened with violence did he refuse to tell the name of a fellow patient on ward E-2. This patient was probably the shy type, it says here.

Karle Gerheart of D-2 went forth this week to drive his new car, having found out on a trial flight the other day that he could do it with the greatest of ease. He left the ward wearing what might be called assorted clothes, and heard some comments on "What about that mixed uniform?"

Kenneth Rue entertained them on ward K-1 this week by taking over the mike as master of ceremonies, and giving an impromptu speech on recruiting for the Regular Army. The mike got there early for a show to be given on the ward,

gets to go home every night and on weekends, while waiting to get his prostheses.

and Kenneth made such good use of it that the patients enjoyed his show as much as the one that followed.

Ernest Vargas, who came over from B-2 to visit his buddy, Frank Murphy, on K-1, calls K-1 the most exclusive ward in the hospital. Reason: The sign on the door about visiting hours.

Johnnie R. Jackson of K-1 is already three up with his Christmas presents, having made three handsome leather handbags. He says he's called Johnnie purely on account of the Army. They had so many John Jacksons that they tacked on a few extra letters for him for identification purposes.

Harry Filgate claims that the picture of the pin-up girl over his bed on ward K-1 isn't his—he was just moved to that bed and there she was. He asked to be moved on account of the view from the window, he says.

Leo Schmitt of K-1, who is about to take off on a 30-day furlough, is busy finishing a surprise gift for his wife. It's an alligator handbag, lined in red leather, and is very good looking. "I put the zipper too low in the lining," he says, "but then my wife probably won't have enough money to need that inside pocket anyway." He's going home to Spokane, Washington, on his furlough. He was getting a little help from Bob Mitchell on one of the finishing touches for the purse. Bob's an expert, having made several. You can tell how many when you know that he's spent over \$100 on leather for the makings.

Basketball

For all those interested in playing basketball a league is being made up for all basketball minded men. The league will consist of one or six teams, depending on number of men and will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. The games will be played in the gym. Shoes, shorts, and towels will be furnished and referees and timers will be provided. Teams consisting of seven men each will insure each man plenty of playing time and at the same time provide sufficient substitutes.

Sign up now in bldg. 1105, oppo-

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELMA CAIN
Technical Sergeant

Sergeant Cain is unusual on three counts. Her musical first name, Elma, is unusual, and so is the fact that Letterman has been her one and only station since she completed basic training and came here in July 1945. All during that time she has been assigned to the orderly room, and she finds her work there diverting and with "never a dull moment."

This week, upon the departure of Sergeant Mary Liles from the WAC ranks, she took over the duties of company clerk.

The third "unusual" is that she likes San Francisco weather, with never a complaint about the fog or the rain. "I went home in August on furlough, and was I glad to get back to cool weather again," she says. Home is in Parkersburg, West Virginia, where Elma's parents live. She's the youngest of the family, and has four sisters and one brother.

Exploring San Francisco is a favorite pastime, and the other day while Elma was at the zoo with some friends, she made a surprising discovery about that unusual first name of hers. Elma is also the name of the baby seal who performs in the zoo's trained seal act. This caused her friends to tease her almost as much as they do about the "you-all" that occasionally crops up in her conversation. This may cause her to go back to her nickname "Rusty," which comes from her middle name of Russell.

She likes shows, volley ball and roller-skating, and one of these days may test the reactions of the MPs by appearing on skates to complicate the traffic problem on the post.

site mess hall. First meeting will be on Monday, 28 October at 7 p. m. in the gym. The League will get under way the following week,

CIVIL CIRCLES

Zita Kelly of Personal Affairs was welcomed back to her desk this week, having practically recovered from the injuries received when she fell on the stairs at her home last week. She hurt her head and needed three stitches to mend matters.

There was much ado in the Pathology Laboratory last week when Betty Bennett got a surprise package from her brother, who is stationed in Japan. She received a beautiful kimono, a pair of mules, and some games. She says she will have to practice walking in those mules.

Hilda Mansfield, blonde dynamo of the PX Grill, will really be up in the clouds next week when she takes a flying trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota for a week's visit with her four sisters and her mother and dad. Then too there will be a special someone waiting to meet her at the airport.

Rumors are flying around to the effect that "Hank" Hallman of the Finance Office is in line for congratulations. It seems his engagement is about to be announced. George Faulkner of Per Diem Section is also said to be marking time.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic went to Berkeley last Saturday to do her share of rooting for the UCLA football team.

Vacations are fun any time of the year, and this week Marian Kierzak of Occupational Therapy is enjoying herself with her family at Laguna Beach.

Get well wishes go this week to Isabelle Hopp of Surgical Branch, Eulalia Beebe, Dental Clinic and Marian Blake of the Sergeant Major's office.

James Fritzell, announcer, and William Roberts, assistant engineer, were welcomed this week to the staff of Letterman's radio station KLGH.

Looking like a little debutante, "Dotty" Grumm of Detachment of Patients, reported to work this week with her hair piled high in a coronet of braids. She got a lot of admiring comments from her friends.

Before she started on her new work in San Jose, Jessie Nicholson, formerly with Dental Branch, found time to PX it with her friends here.

"Bill has a wide acquaintance in this town."

"Yeah, I saw him with her last night."

BLONDE, BLUE-EYED AND CHARMING IS OUR MISS ELIZABETH PATTERSON



Miss ELIZABETH PATTERSON
She borrows Mercury's wings for her feet.

Elizabeth G. Patterson (and she doesn't like the name the "G" stands for, so we'll keep her secret) is Letterman's one and only messenger, and she travels on winged feet all over the hospital from her headquarters in the Information Office, making friends as she goes, and that adds up to a lot of friends.

She is 19, and right now is in that delicious state of indecision that can prevail when you're 19 and, as she says, "too young to get married and not too old to have lots of time to decide what to do about your future."

Because Elizabeth's father is in the Regular Army, she has already had the advantage of lots and lots of travel. "I can't even remember all the Army posts where we've lived, but my favorites, besides this one, of course, are Fort Sam Houston, Fort Logan, Fort McArthur, Fort Lewis, and Scofield Barracks in Hawaii." She has either traveled through or lived in all of the States. Her father, W/O Frank Patterson, is at present in Manila, and Elizabeth and her mother and two younger sisters are now living in Richmond.

Elizabeth was graduated from Pasadena Junior College and went to the University of Southern California for a year. She hasn't decided whether she'll go back to finish college or not. She went to the Hollywood House of Charm school, and worked part time as a photographer's model while she was in high school and college. Modeling clothes was her favorite assignment. "They were mostly formals, and if you want to buy them, you get them for half price."

Elizabeth's honey blonde hair and dark brows and eyelashes framing blue eyes, along with that winning smile, make her a natural for a model.

One of her favorite pastimes is reading, all the best sellers, but some studying, too—"It never hurts to refresh your mind," says Elizabeth. She loves dancing—from tap to jitterbug, and goes in for all kinds of sports—skiing, swimming, tennis, bowling and water skiing. "I don't play real golf, just miniature golf, the lazy man's kind."

Her next objective—a trip to Europe. "I guess there's plenty of time, though," she adds.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith
(CNS)—"Beef" shortage? Army and Notre Dame are not troubled. They have plenty of it, "on the hoof"—and some of the browniest physical specimens in the nation. Their trouble is, they have the quality of "beef" which leads to "beefs"—a veritable torrent of angry protests from fans whose applications for the Army-Notre Dame football game were rejected. Notre Dame officials returned \$400,000 to unsuccessful applicants, and said they alone could have sold 150,000 tickets to the November 9 gridiron classic in New York City's Yankee Stadium.

Horse racing addicts argued long and heatedly, following Assault's "Triple Crown" triumph in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes this year, whether the club-footed comet could defeat Mrs. Ethel D. Jacob's Stymie. Experts agreed pretty well that Stymie was the stronger horse. And their judgment was verified on September 25 at Belmont race track in New York when Stymie, carrying 126 pounds, beat Assault, carrying 116 pounds, by over three lengths in winning the Manhattan Handicap. Stymie's \$20,050 share of the purse raised his lifetime earnings to \$411,035, putting him third behind Whirlaway (\$561,161) and Seabisbuit (\$437,730).

Professional football, unlike baseball, never has been favored with the attendance of the nation's chief executive at a football game. But Bert Bell, commissioner of the National League, and George T. Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, made a move to lure President Truman to one of the games when they presented him with a gold season pass on September 25. The pass entitles the president to bring as large a party as he desires to any National League game. Considering that the Redskin owners reported a sell-out of tickets for every home game before the season started, it might not be the worst idea to be a good Democrat for the next few weeks.

Prof.: "What is the most outstanding product that chemistry has given to the world?"

Soph.: "Blondes."

MEDICAL DETACH

First of all we want to take time to welcome the 134 new men who reported this week from Camp Polk, La.

Almost every week we have several men who take that uncertain step back into the civilian world but this week happened to be an exception since none of our men reported for separation.

The furlough roster this week was very heavy, with ten men on the list. Those who left were 1st Sgt. Peter Lee, T/5 James Bernhard, T/5 Leonard Moore, T/5 Robert Fallert, T/5 Eloy Oslin, Pvt. Felix Ruedas, Pvt. William Hansen, Pvt. George Smith, Pvt. Jack Freet and Pvt. Harlow Swartout.

Back to duty from furlough are S/Sgt. Martin Newcome, Cpl. Edmund Reetz, Pfc. Carlos Carpenter, Pfc. Leroy DeGrendele, Pfc. Frank Seibert, Pfc. Otis Shelton, Pvt. Donald DeRoche, Pvt. David Lipka, Pvt. Richard Linggen, Pvt. Jack Ellis, Pvt. Albert Conwell and Pvt. Augustine Holquin.

Ex-patients who traded in their red suits for their OD's the past week are Cpl. William Hill, Cpl. Leonard Roach, Cpl. James Cooper, and Pvt. Andrew Perez.

Sorry to hear that T/4 Cecil Brewer, T/5 Charles Blattner, Cpl. Orlow Weeks, Pfc. James Santangelo and Pvt. Edward Raision are in the hospital.

Every few weeks the Detachment has a big recreational event. The next one will be an old fashioned Halloween Party. The party will be held at the Letterman Club, on Tuesday, Oct. 29th. For the starting hour and additional details keep your eyes on the bulletin board.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. John A. Whitlock, a son, Michael George, weight 6 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 20 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Frank S. Gaggio, a son, Frank Ernest, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 21 October.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carl J. Ellis, a girl, Altie Carleen, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 22 October.

Seaman: "How about some old-fashioned loving?"

Girl: "Okay, I'll call grandma."

THEY CALL SAM HARRISON "THE MAN EVERYBODY KNOWS" AT LETTERMAN



Corporal SAM HARRISON
He's one of Letterman's best known patients.

"People like Sam and Sam likes people," is what they say about Corporal Sam Harrison, who has been at Letterman since March of this year, and is one of the best known patients here. His locomotion is done in a wheelchair at present but he certainly gets around, and his friendly activities are by no means confined to C-2, where he does his sleeping.

Sam was born in Chicago, but came to California when he was nine, and first lived in Fresno. He has been a San Franciscan for 19 years, and loves it. In May, 1943, he enlisted in the Army, and after induction at the Presidio of Monterey was sent to Camp Cooke, California, for field artillery training. He says he is proud of having been a member of the 280th Field Artillery Battalion which, while stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., was commended by General Marshall for being tops in the number of rounds fired per minute.

He went overseas in September 1944, and landed at Liverpool, after some uneasy moments during the trip when the ship was pursued by submarines. Next stop was Normandy, on Omaha Beach. He took

part in the Battle of the Bulge, and his battalion supported the 84th Infantry Division and was the first artillery battalion to cross the Ruhr River. Shortly after they crossed the Rhine, at Hanover, Sam was wounded, just a month before V-E Day. His left arm was blown off, and his right leg badly injured. In spite of his injuries he didn't lose consciousness and went through a rough time before he reached the clearing station. Later, after a 75-mile trip by ambulance to a captured German airport, he was flown to Paris, where he was hospitalized briefly before flying to England. After some time in a hospital in England, and another in Scotland, he came back to the United States in a C-54. He reached Bushnell General Hospital in June 1945, and remained there until he came to Letterman.

"I quit counting my operations when I was still in England," Sam says.

Before he entered the Army, Sam had a variety of occupations—the produce business, both wholesale and retail, cleaning and dyeing, automotive reconstruction, owned a smoke shop, and worked in the ship-

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. All personnel at LGH who are interested in participating in a series of informal discussions concerning the vital problems of our time, are asked to stop in the Educational Reconditioning Office to learn further details.

2. The opening of a new course in interior decoration, featuring color, is announced for Tuesday, 22 October, by the Adult Division of the San Francisco Public Schools. The course, which is open without charge to all adults, will be taught each Tuesday night in the Marina Junior High School Building, at Filmore and Chestnut, from 7 to 9 p. m.

Fencing will be taught in a new class for men and women to open in the Marina Adult School, Wednesday nights, beginning 23 October. Both beginners and those more advanced will be welcomed to the class. Foils, masks, and all other equipment needed, except gauntlets, will be furnished by the school.

3. The Arts & Skills Travelling Show-Exhibit which began last week, featuring leathercrafts, is still at the Occupational Therapy Shop, with patients' leather and ceramics crafts as the featured exhibit. Book-binding will be the headline for next week. Everyone is cordially invited to browse through the shop, which is open daily, Monday through Friday.

4. How is your vocabulary doing these days? How heavily do you lean on such words as: get, okay, nice, swell, guess, mad, funny, awful? Are you sure of the pronunciation of these: abdomen, acclimated, bona fide, creek, data, finance, forehead, genuine, grievous, inquiry, recess, research, route, vagary? Do you distinguish between: enormity and enormousness; simulation and dissimulation; episode and event; advance and advancement? Do you hesitate for the apt expression? "Mend your speech a little lest you may mar your fortunes"—Shapepeare.

If you are interested in improving your vocabulary, enroll in the Letterman Speech Course Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Dempster is the instructor.

He and his wife Audrey were married April 24, 1938 (and he never forgets that anniversary). Photography is his major hobby. Right now he's looking forward to November 9, "because that's the date the cast comes off my leg."

Authorize 100 Commissions for Sanitary Corps

Enlisted men and civilians with appropriate background and training may now receive direct commissions in the Sanitary Corps of the Army Medical Department, the War Department has announced.

A procurement objective for 100 Sanitary Corps officers was authorized this month. Upon recommendation of their commanding officers, enlisted personnel qualified as bacteriologists, biochemists, serologists, parasitologists, entomologists and sanitary engineers, with the necessary educational requirements may be commissioned directly into the Army of the United States.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, stated that this program will not conflict with Officer Candidate School graduates as the assignments of men receiving direct commissions will be of a highly specialized nature.

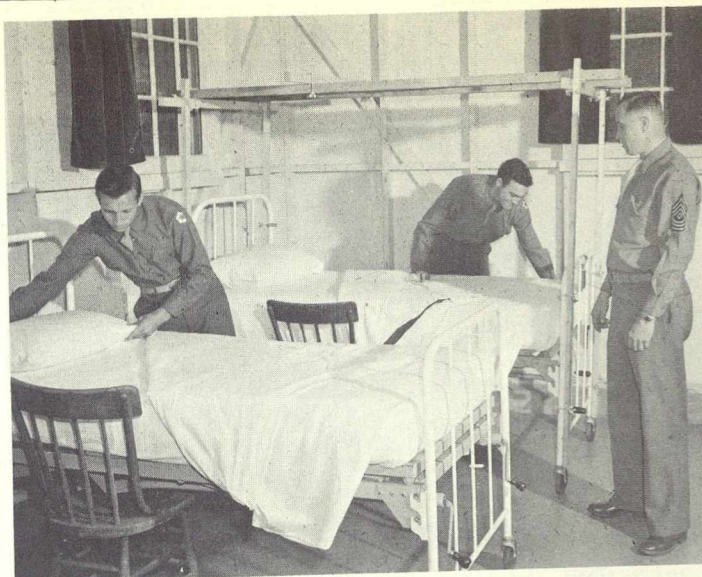
This latest move to augment the ranks of Sanitary Corps officers is in addition to a previously announced recall quota for 50 officers who had wartime service in the Sanitary Corps.

Qualifications for commissioning for both civilian and enlisted personnel are:

1. Bachelor's degree with an appropriate science major from an approved college or university.
2. A minimum of two years of appropriate experience obtained in the particular field in which the applicant is qualified and while in the employ of a municipality, an approved hospital, an approved college or university, or a governmental or approved private agency.
3. Qualified enlisted personnel, upon recommendation of their commanding officers, may be considered for a commission after completing one year of specialized activity in the Army, in lieu of 2 years experience.
4. Advanced degree of M. S. or Ph. D. will be considered if the applicant does not have sufficient experience qualifications.

The bus was unusually crowded that morning. A passenger sitting next to the window suddenly buried his head in his arms. The man next to him asked "Are you sick? Can I do anything for you?"

"It's nothing like that," the other assured him. "I just can't bear to see ladies standing."



HOSPITAL BED-MAKING
Is demonstrated in the classroom of the Training Branch school for ward attendants by Pfc. Marshall Frost and Pvt. Jim Laminack, under the watchful eye of 1st Sgt. Willis R. Wood. The four-week course for ward attendants is under the supervision of Major Wm. G. Whittaker, Director of Training.



THE TYPING CLASS
For members of the detachment is another of the training courses now under way. Lieutenant J. F. Steacy is giving the introductory material to the class.

TRAINING CLASSES FOR PERSONNEL OF DETACHMENT STATIONED HERE

Three types of classes are now being conducted by Training Branch for detachment personnel of 9956 TSU-SGO, under the supervision of Major William G. Whittaker, Director of Training. There is a course to train ward attendants, another for mess attendants, and third course in typing and military correspondence.

The courses will be repeated as necessary, until the required number of personnel have been trained. The men attend classes for two

Answering The Veterans' Queries

The goal of the Veterans Administration—real home town service to veterans—is gradually becoming a reality.

With the addition of 11 new offices, the VA now maintains 39 units of different sizes from the Tehachapis to the Oregon border.

In almost every town with 5000 or more population, there is a Veterans Administration representative, usually a young World War II veteran, who has been trained to know the answers concerning federal benefits due ex-servicemen.

Offices in the smaller cities are not staffed to handle all types of VA services, but they can take care of the majority of problems which bother veterans. They can fill out application forms for education or training, give information about loan guarantees, insurance reinstatement, compensation claims, and tell an ex-GI how to apply for admittance to a VA hospital if he is ill. Even though a particular question is not within the province of VA, representatives are instructed to keep themselves informed so they can help get the right answer.

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Q. Do the educational provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act permit a qualified veteran to take a correspondence course at government expense? Would I get subsistence payments?

A. The VA is authorized to pay for courses taken by correspondence, if the school is approved. However, no subsistence payments can be made to the veteran.

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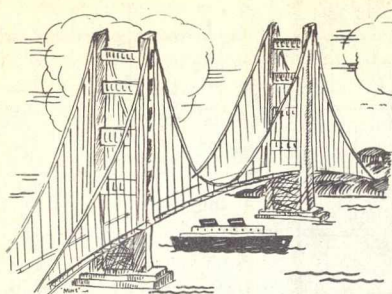
Q. I am carrying \$10,000 worth of GI term insurance. Can I convert part of that now and the balance later on?

A. Yes. You can convert \$1,000 or more, in multiples of \$500 and the balance at any time before the expiration of your term insurance.

hours daily.

The ward attendants course lasts four weeks; mess attendants, three weeks; typing and military correspondence, three weeks. A review and examination is given at the end of each week by Lt. J. F. Steacy.

Instructors for the ward attendants and the mess attendants courses are members of the staff of the hospital, and the typing class is being given by a teacher from the San Francisco Board of Education.



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Three Awards Presented in Ceremonies Here

Three members of the hospital staff at Letterman received awards this week in ceremonies held in the office of the Commanding General. Col. Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of Surgical Service, was decorated by Col. Luther R. Moore with the Legion of Merit, second oak leaf cluster, and Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman presented the Bronze Star medal to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly, and the Army Commendation Ribbon to Lt. Col. Homer C. McCullough, Director of Personnel.

Colonel Heaton's wife and his daughter Sara were present when he received his award. The citation stated:

"Colonel Leonard D. Heaton performed exceptionally meritorious services as Commanding Officer, 802nd Hospital Center from November 1944 to June 1945. By his outstanding organizational ability he established many widely separated medical units in England into a closely knit and highly efficient hospital center. By his forceful leadership he ably directed a highly complex operation to outstanding success."

Chaplain Reilly received his decoration on his birthday, 23 October, and the citation was as follows:

"Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Stanley J. Reilly, as a prisoner of war of the Japanese from July 1944 to September 1945, performed services of great benefit for his fellow prisoners. Aboard the prison ship, Nissyo Maru, he talked and prayed with the hundreds crowded into the hold, and succeeded in maintaining order by his inspiring actions during periods of great stress. Later, while interned at Camp Narumi, Nagoya, Japan, by his complete de-



LEGION OF MERIT, Second Oak Leaf Cluster, was presented to Col. Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of Surgical Service, this week by Col. Luther R. Moore. The award was given for "exceptionally meritorious service as Commanding Officer, 802d Hospital Center," in England during the war.

votion to the religious welfare of those imprisoned there, Chaplain Reilly contributed greatly to the discipline and morale of the entire group."

Colonel McCullough's family were present when he received his decoration—Mrs. McCullough and their three children, Robert, Richard and Elizabeth Sue. The citation stated:

"During World War II the Medical Department carried out its mission with outstanding success.

This achievement was made possible only through the combined efforts of all Medical Department personnel. Your service with the Medical Department has been exceptional when compared with others of the same grade of similar position, and I wish to commend you for your outstanding contribution as a member of the Surgeon General's Personnel Survey Team at Army general hospitals, from 29 July 1946 to 24 August 1946."

Officers May Reapply for Regular Army

Officers who previously applied for commissions in the Regular Army under Public Law 281, during the period 1 January to 1 March 1946, will have an opportunity to be reconsidered for appointment under the new integration program, under provisions of War Department Circular 289.

The Adjutant General has finished screening of the files of all previous applicants, and all who had not been informed of their status have recently been notified. The letters of notification were sent to permanent home addresses of applicants, since most of the applicants have had a change of station or have been separated from the service since their applications were filed.

Under the new integration program these applicants have been sent a letter with copies of Supplemental Information application which must be returned to The Adjutant General, Attn: AGSO-R, Washington 25, D. C., postmarked prior to 30 November 1946. Failure to return this form will result in forfeiture of the applicant's reconsideration.

The Supplemental Information allows the applicant to submit additional information for presentation to selection boards. Applicants may also make a new choice of arms or services and may submit additional officers' names from whom they would desire evaluation reports.

The Adjutant General has not heard from all applicants and invites inquiries from all previous applicants who have not received some notice of their particular status. These inquiries should be directed to the address given above.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ENTERTAINS WHILE IT AIDS

Everything from a hobby horse with Hollywood eyelashes to a ten-foot boat has been made in Letterman's Occupational Therapy Shop, which is one of the busiest and most popular spots at Letterman.

Patient interest in O. T. activities has increased so much lately that Miss Dorothy Sniffen, Chief occupational therapist, says the department now has an acute need for rubber walls.

The department is a division of the Reconditioning Service, and is under the direction of Lt. Col. Jesse U. Pritchett, Chief of Reconditioning. A staff of ten registered occupational therapists carry on the work of the department, and the staff has help from a group of volunteer Red Cross Arts and Skills workers.

Occupational therapy aids in recovery from disease or injury by enabling the patient to get needed exercise by constructive activity in a suitable skill rather than by monotonous repetitive movements. And the suitable skill has diversion value as well as therapeutic value.

The ward officer informs the therapist what motions will be most beneficial for the patient, and the therapist suggests the craft which will best meet the need. Usually the patient has a choice of about five different activities.

A total of 25 crafts is taught in the Letterman O. T. shop. They are: Applied and Fine Arts, Block Printing, Carpentry, Carving, Ceramics, Finger Painting, Fly Tying, Hospital Utilities, Jewelry, Knotting, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Knitting, Model Making, Needlework, Photography, Plastics, Printing, Repair, Stenciling, Typing, Upholstery, Weaving, Yarn Toys, and Hooked Rugs.

The shop has recently displayed traveling Arts and Skills exhibits of leathercraft, ceramics and book-binding, each of which was supplemented by a display of the work done by the patients here.

Among the articles made by Letterman patients were silver rings, necklaces and bracelets; ceramic jewelry, animals and plaques and colorful pottery; handsome leather purses, belts, wallets, key cases and picture frames; original designs in woven rugs, hangings and lighter fabrics; lucite bowls, trays and salad sets.

Now that Christmas is in the off-



Champion Nixon, instructor in Occupational Therapy Shop, arranges the current ceramic exhibit.



**Patients modeling in clay in the O. T. Shop.
L. to R.: William Blackman, Felix Sharp and C. T. Sena.**



Tony Gonzales looks over some of the leather work he has done in O. T.

ing, the patients are specially interested in making articles suitable for gifts, which mean extra activity in the jewelry, leathercraft, weaving and ceramics sections. Silk screen work is being done on specially designed Christmas cards, and plans are under way for a Christmas toy contest.

Ambulatory patients do their work in the shop, which is open from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Monday through Friday, and the wards are covered by the therapists three times a week. The therapist gives instruction in the various crafts and brings the necessary materials to bed patients.

Patients are encouraged to come in and visit the shop, and find out which of the activities in which they are interested will most help their progress toward recovery.

Before World War II there were only 1,000 registered therapists in the United States. The Army carried on a continual training program during the war, and the number is now 2,100. A college graduate may become an occupational therapist with a B. S. degree after an additional two-year course; one who has had one or two years of college requires a three-year course; a high school graduate requires a five-year course.

During their training occupational therapists are taught the fundamentals of ten medical subjects as well as the various crafts they must later teach.

A training course is given at Letterman for student therapists, and eight students complete the course here every three months. The students at LGH are from the University of California, Mills College and San Jose State College.

Registered occupational therapists now on the Letterman staff are: Dorothy M. Sniffen, Chief; Esther Aguado, Margaret Johnson, Margaret Flack, Helen Singer, Zella Conts, Henrietta Kleinschmidt, Doris Padilla, Winifred Kirk and Marjorie Mehrtens.

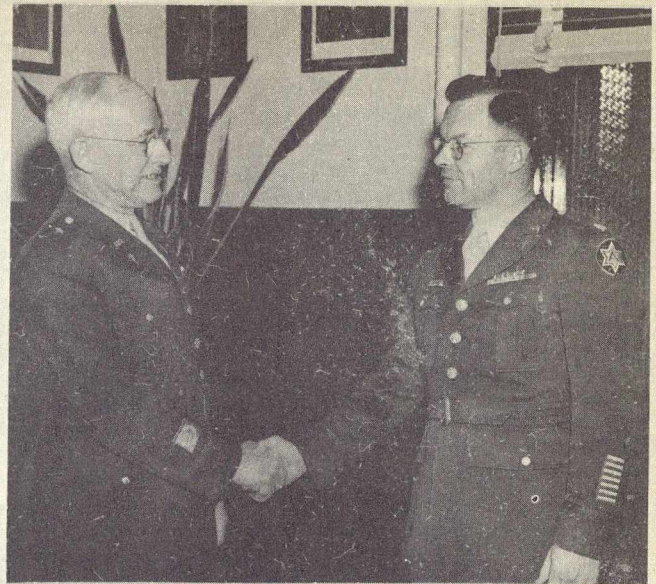
Time given by the volunteer Arts and Skills workers is coordinated by Mrs. Max Edlin, who has been doing this work at Letterman for five years.

Last month O. T. activity here showed nearly 8,000 patient working periods. A working period is three hours.

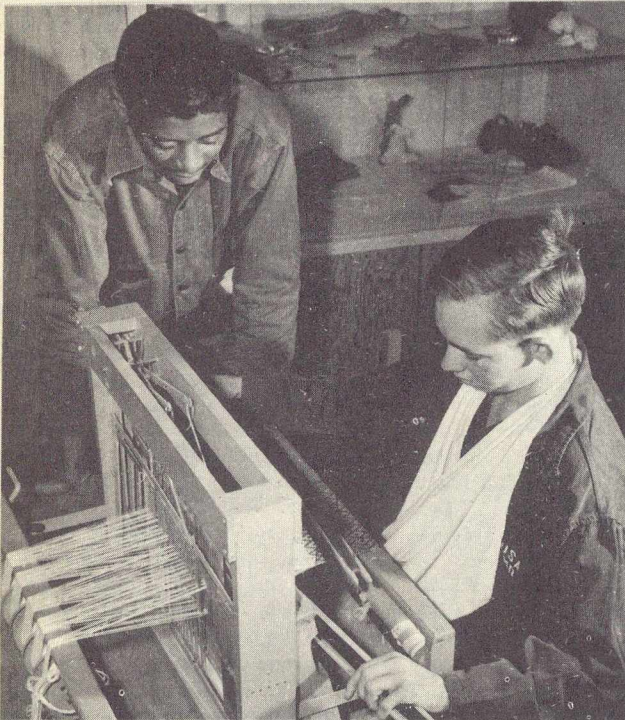
Around The Letterman Scene With The Camera Eye



Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman decorates Lt. Col. Homer C. McCullough with the Army Commendation Ribbon.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly is congratulated by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman on receiving the Bronze Star medal.



Samuel Stevens and Allen Yarbrough, Jr., both of E-2, find their interest in weaving in the O.T. Shop



Sgt. Dorothy Rosenfeld of the O.T. Shop looks on while A. J. Gadler of K-1 works at the potter's wheel.

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EDITORIAL

Military Courtesy

Courtesy is the expression of consideration for others. It pays the largest returns for the least effort of anything one can do. In military life, where individuals are required to live and work together more intimately than in civilian life and where cooperative effort is all important, courtesy is of vital importance in promoting coordination and developing a proper esprit de corps.

Courtesy is shown to all, to juniors as well as to seniors. The courtesy shown a senior is a recognition of the responsibility and authority of his position. That shown a junior acknowledges the essential part he plays as a member of the military team.

The courtesy which marks military ceremonies has a profound meaning. A salute to the flag is a declaration of loyalty to the United States and to the principles of liberty and justice on which the Nation was founded. When a military man or woman presents arms at retreat or salutes a senior, it is a recognition of the organized authority of the Nation, as represented by the Army, which is charged with its protection.

The methods of expressing military courtesy are distinctive and precise. Slovenly, grudging or perfunctory display of these methods is discourteous.—Quoted from Manual 22-5.



Four members of the Army Nurse Corps left joyously for Camp Beale this week, en route to civilian life: Capt. Margaret Foley, Lt. Anne C. Donovan, Lt. Doris McClymont and Lt. Catherine Fowler. They traveled de luxe, too, in the brand-new Olds recently acquired by Lieutenants McClymont and Fowler.

Capt. Sarah Pollock and Lt. Dorothy M. Richter left this week on a flying trip to Mexico, and the flying refers to the method of transportation only. They will enjoy a leisurely three weeks, and have promised to report in detail on their trip when they return, for the benefit of other members of the ANC who are Mexico-minded.

Apparently this Mexico stuff is contagious—Lt. Rosemary Perry is leaving the end of the week to spend her leave there.

Congratulations go this week to Lt. Caroline N. Spike on her promotion from second to first lieutenant.

Sympathy and best wishes for a quick recovery go to Capt. Lois Alfred, at present a patient on ward G-2.

A "Welcome to Letterman" greeting to the following nurses who recently arrived for duty here: Lieutenants Edythe Alt, Elaine White, Julia M. Tempinski, Ruth E. McBrien, Lydia Reizer, Marion Smith, Edna K. Russell, Louise E. Dugan, Ruth A. Dotts, Mildred M. Devine, Mary C. Dean, Margaret J. McNulty, Pearl E. Fadoir, J. Adeline Spence and Pauline Smith.

Several members of the ANC cut a class in their course in Interior Decorating at U. C. to go to the Strauss Music Festival this week. Those who went were Lt. Ada Hagen, Lt. Thessal Rice, Lt. Laura Clark and Lt. Frances Aragon. They were enlarging the scope of the interior decorating—after all, music decorates the interior of the head. All right, so it is far-fetched!

People keep asking Lt. Rebecca Amend why she got up one morning this week at 5:30 a. m., and she keeps telling them it was because her alarm clock insisted on it. As if they didn't hear it ringing! She is still looking for the guilty alarm-clock-setter, doubting all denials of the crime.

WAC

Post parties don't usually rate a 100 per cent turnout, but the Halloween party held last Saturday night at the Presidio NCO Club did just that. It is reported that every WAC in the detachment was on hand for the festivities, and glad of it. Everyone had so much fun at the party that it has been a favorite topic of conversation all week.

A second Halloween party, held Tuesday night at the Letterman Club, had an equal number of ghosts, witches and goblins, but not quite so many WACs. Those who went report a wonderful time at that one, too.

On the decorating committee for the Saturday party were: S/Sgt. Margaret Brady, T/3 Marjory Burns, T/4 Dorothy Bennett, T/3 Jessie Pekarski and Pfc. Ella Craig. The committee for Tuesday's party was composed of S/Sgt. Margaret Brady, T/5 Elizabeth Kirby, T/5 Christine McConnell and T/5 Rose Ruszak.

To T/5 Gladys Warfel, who is at present a patient on ward P, sympathy and "hurry and get well" wishes from her friends.

T/4 Ethel Lee, who is also a patient at present, has cheering company while she is in the hospital. Her two daughters are here from Cleveland, Ohio, to visit her.

Welcome to a new member of the WAC detachment, who arrived this week from Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado. She is T/4 Frances S. Rovmarynowski, who has been assigned to duty with Hospital Service Branch.

Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope and afterward rewarded by joy.—Samuel Johnson.

We should not be devoting ourselves to examining historical claims or the supposed interests of particular states. We should keep before our minds the simple objective of removing from hearts of the common people in all lands the brooding fear of another war and of enabling them to live together, as good citizens, not only of their own states, but of Europe and the world.—Clement R. Attlee.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 3, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:
Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Veterans Put Up Their Own Prefabricated Homes

(CNS)—In a little town of Naperville, Ill., not far from Chicago, the good citizens became fed up with lack of housing for veterans and did something about it. That is news in itself.

Led by a high-school teacher, Miss Angeline Gale, a Naperville committee got together six months ago and worked out a plan whereby leading citizens put up enough money to form a subsidy fund for veterans' buildings.

Five veterans got together and helped one another erect homes, saving labor costs of from \$700 to \$900 per house. Costs are so low under this system that an FHA mortgage of \$6,100 can be carried for \$30 a month.

The units being put up are either one or two story prefabricated models built by the HomeOla Corp. of Chicago. They cost \$6,400 and \$5,400 respectively, which includes the lot, heating equipment, and plumbing. HomeOla has contracted with the government to produce 19,400 of these steel-frame and plywood houses in the next twelve months.

The only objection received in Naperville, which is non-unionized, was from plumbers who didn't like the idea of built-in-plumbing.

A report has been received that a new model with a built-in housewife is going on the market next month. But so far it's just rumor.

Books are the true levellers. They give to all who faithfully use them the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and greatest of our race.—Lord Channing.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VIRGINIA HILL
Technician Fifth Grade

Corporal Virginia Hill has been in the WAC for over two years, and still likes it so much that she has signed up for the duration plus six months. Meanwhile she's perfecting plans for what she'll do when she becomes an ex-Army girl. She intends to go back to school, and plans to enter either La Cross State Teachers College or the University of Wisconsin, in her home state.

She likes California so much that it's surprising she isn't going to school here, but home ties make her want to be near the family. Virginia is from Richland Center, Wisconsin, where her parents and sister and brother live. Before she entered the WAC, she worked in a war plant for eight months, then came to California and spent six months here, "just loafing" she says. And that's nice work if you can get it. She joined the WAC in Los Angeles, and went to Des Moines for her basic training, which was followed by a three-months course in dental school at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Then came her one and only WAC assignment — Letterman. She was one of the first WACs here, and says she was "very thrilled" to be stationed here. She was first in the Dental Clinic at the main hospital, and is now at the Crissy Dental Clinic, where she enjoys her work a lot. In fact, she works day and night, because every evening she spends three hours working as cashier at the Post Theatre. Every evening but one, that is, and that one evening of leisure always calls for some very special plans.

She enjoys sports and music, with swimming and tennis in first place on the sports list, and piano on the music list. She studied piano for eight years but doesn't get much opportunity to play now, because her two jobs keep her too busy.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Louis Moya of B-2, who started making woven rugs when he was a patient at O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, is still at it and has made three since he arrived at Letterman. Right now he's making big plans for a forthcoming furlough in New Mexico. He's leaving November 5 and will be gone 15 days, so the future is nothing but bright.

Joe Martin of B-2, who proudly proclaims that he's "from the biggest state in the Union," (and if you didn't know that's Texas, you do now), is busy with an old toothbrush handle, using it to hold the string for tying his woven rug. It's to be a super-soft bath mat, a gift for his wife.

George Tharp, an alumnus of ward B-2 who is now on ward 3, comes over to see his buddies on B-2, and calls it the "quietest ward in the hospital."

On C-1 Henry (Tex) Kremenek kibitzes while Joe Belche and Ira Slater play double solitaire, and they don't even seem to mind. Joe and Ira have a deal on about the game, which provides that they will just continue to play on until one leaves the hospital, whereupon the departing man will have to pay up. Ira is a little bitter these days, not because Joe is ahead in the game, but because "When I go out on pass they put cracker crumbs in my bed."

Lawton Pybus of C-1 was busy packing up preparatory to leaving on a 30-day furlough which he'll spend in Dallas, Texas with his wife and six-year-old son, Lawton, Jr. He's going to fly home, which makes it even better than an ordinary furlough.

Another outbound patient from C-1—only this one's going home to stay—is David Drews of Clintonville, Wisconsin. Just sitting waiting impatiently for his orders, he looked over his wallet collection of pictures, knowing he'd be seeing the originals in a few days. His parents will be waiting to welcome him, and

Her current hobby is collecting stuffed animals, and she has dogs, elephants, teddy bears and rabbits in her collection. It's not compulsory that they be stuffed animals, though. She also has a carved ivory elephant she treasures, and a turtle made from a Jap shell.

so will Gladys Krueger, the one and only girl.

Lee Childress of C-2 is from Seattle, Washington, and he's so loyal to his home state he even smokes a pipe invented by a professor at the University of Washington—a Kirsten, the kind with a metal stem. He has a collection of other pipes, including a corncob that he remodeled by attaching an extra long stem so "that way I can keep away from tobacco."

Lui Kinuya of C-1 says everybody has trouble spelling his name. Lui is from Hawaii, and says he's now been away so long (20 months) that he isn't even homesick any more.

On E-2 Jess Shaner of Rosebush, Michigan is having an orgy of murder-story reading, and says the current one, "Murder Makes a Racket" is one of the better whodunits.

They say on E-2 that Jessie Augurson, Jr. has earned a special badge (only he hasn't got it yet) for being positively the only patient in the hospital who "can snore with his mouth shut and whistle at the same time."

Discovered! The right name of the wandering patient known as "Tiny" who wouldn't tell his name. He's Harold Gronseth, and the fact of the week about him is that he's a pinochle fiend.

Hans Gaare of ward 28 who says he spent so many months on E-2 that now he can't keep away from it, drops over to indulge "Tiny" in his pinochle-playing, and Walter Wheeler makes a third in the game. Walter plays a little absent-mindedly at times, but his pals forgive him because they know he's just thinking of Rosie, to whom he refers as "the sweetest girl in the world."

Fellow patients of Harold Harter on ward E-2 are hesitating over a choice of descriptive phrases for him. He's their pal and they want to pick one he'll like. So far they have three from which to choose—Casanova, The Great Lover and The Woman's Home Companion. Naturally they've been careful to convey the same idea in all three.

The picture that gets star pin-up billing on the bedside table of John Giberti of E-2 is a laughing one of his son, Nicholas, who is now a year old.

GI OF THE WEEK



LAWRENCE BAUBY
Technician Fifth Grade

Corporal Lawrence Bauby, who plans to study medicine when he is a civilian again, is glad to be at Letterman because he is thus in the right spot for getting into the medical atmosphere. His work here at the hospital is on the wards, and he recently completed the four-week school for ward attendants, attaining an overall rating of 90 per cent for the course. At present he is wardmaster on ward C-1.

He came into the Army in August 1945, just after V-J Day. His home is in Detroit, Michigan, and his first station was Fort Sheridan, Illinois. After a time at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he went to Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma, for hospital training, then was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington.

"I certainly got to be well-trained man in the Army," he says, "because next I went back to Fort Sam for a medical technicians course which took 12 weeks. Then in April of this year I came to Letterman."

After finishing high school at St. Mary's of Redford in Detroit, Corporal Bauby worked in a variety of jobs, in gas stations, groceries and meat markets, before he came into Army. He's now looking forward to December 5, because that's the date when he'll become a civilian again, and get on with his plans to study medicine. He expects to enter the University of Michigan for his pre-med training.

Swimming and dating are his two major off-duty diversions. He prefers to swim in the ocean, where he can "battle the surf." He enjoys exploring California, and improves every opportunity to get better acquainted with the beauties hereabouts—both animate and inanimate.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Marian Davis of Receiving Office now rates as a VIP, because there is a shining new '46 Ford in the family, and Marian's husband drives her to work in it every morning. VIP? Means Very Important Person.

Halloween isn't just Halloween to Stella Jackson of the Laboratory—it's also her birthday. She was the guest of honor at a dinner given for her at Fishermen's Wharf, and among the guests were Jean Peetz, Betty Bennett, Golly Von Lubken, Melba Long, Bob Eckenrod, William Day, Captain Weigle, Major Moon and Colonel Hullenhurst. Next day Stella continued the birthday celebration by having "Breakfast on Nob Hill" at the Fairmont, getting on the eyewitness side of that radio program for the first time.

Alice Green of Medical Supply has said goodbye to her friends here, and is leaving for Dallas, Texas, where her husband, Dr. Sydney Green, will resume his practice. Dr. Green was formerly on the staff here at Letterman.

Marie Halvorsen of X-ray department wears an especially happy smile these days because she has just received word of her husband's separation from the service.

Although the weather was a little nippy for a dip in the ocean, Alice Deenan of ward E-2, maintains that Santa Cruz is beautiful even in the fall.

Collecting on her bet on the Army-Duke football game last Saturday was the best thing about the game for Virginia Lee Smith of Military Personnel.

Batting the bird around is the newest sport for Ruth Henry and Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic, meaning that badminton is their Thursday evening pastime.

Ricardo Montes, Laundry foreman, is spending a month's leave with relatives up Santa Rosa way.

Kay Woo and LaVerne Leake of the Laboratory are taking off on a month's flying trip—literally. Their itinerary includes New York and Washington, Louisiana and Quebec, Canada.

Mildred Beard, formerly of Payroll Section, is making plans to spend a white Christmas at her home in Rock Island, Ill. Her mother, her five sisters and her brother will all be together for Christmas for the first time in three years.

Martha Phillips of Personnel office and Georgia Power of Dental

HER HOBBY IS COLLECTING TWO OF A KIND—MEANING PAIRS OF SHOES



Mrs. HELEN SMITH
She walks on pearls

Her name is Helen Smith, but everyone around the hospital knows her as "Smitty," and she is to be found in the Detachment of Patients office, dealing with the myriad details of passes, furloughs, special orders, and separation clearances. She has cloudy dark hair, brown eyes and a ready smile, and that smile has won lots of friends for her at Letterman during her two and a half years here.

When she first came to the hospital she worked in the office of the Medical Technicians' School, and when that closed she transferred to her present job, which she says she enjoys very much.

Smitty was born in Fresno, but her family moved to San Francisco when she was 9, and she has lived here ever since. She went to Polytechnic High School, then to business college. Shortly after she finished school she was married, so she didn't have a chance to use that business training until she came to Letterman.

She has a 10-year-old daughter,

Clinic are creating their own hat styles in the mood of the moment at a Tuesday evening milinery class. Watch for the results!

Helen Mae, better known as "Little Smitty." Both mother and daughter play the piano, and Smitty seems to have an unbeatable system for persuading her daughter to practice—she practices with her. They play duets, and take turns being audience for one another for solo performances. Smitty says she recommends it as an unfailing means of keeping up interest in that usually distasteful task of practicing. And that works both ways—not only for Little Smitty, but also for Smitty herself.

She loves sports, particularly swimming and tennis, and played city championship tennis when she was in high school. Another of her favorite pastimes is dancing, which might explain why she has so many shoes—28 pairs at present and still going up.

"Some women buy hats to give them a lift—I buy shoes," she says. "The hats I don't buy; I make them." Current favorites in her shoe collection are white suede ankle-strap sandals with pearls in the platform instead of nailheads. With these shoes, Smitty can change the nursery rhyme to "rings on her fingers, and pearls on her toes."

Soldier Taste in Food And Chief Necessities Being Studied by QM

Washington (CNS)—The Army Quartermaster Corps is engaged in a far-reaching program, studying the likes and dislikes of men in regard to their food, clothing and other matters of personal necessity and comfort. An attempt will be made to rectify all of the shortcomings and deficiencies of World War II in these matters.

Researchers of the Quartermaster Corps are engaged in studying the effects of climate; physiological and psychological factors in relation to the acceptability of food; why certain groups of men enjoy Mulligan stew while other groups find it unappetizing. They are also working on such things as prevention of shrinkage in wool garments and more efficient sun-glasses for observation of tracer fire and aircraft.

The Q. M. is planning especially extensive research into the secrets of human appetite and military feeding. With the aid of research institutions throughout the nation many perplexing questions are expected to be answered. The objective is the development of a ration which contains fewer items but is of a higher acceptability. Some foods (such as bread) can be eaten in large amounts for unlimited periods while others cause a definite decrease in acceptability.

In biological laboratories scientists are investigating the behavior of food in the gastro-intestinal tract, how it stimulates the flow of digestive juices, and what composes those juices. The need of bulk in diet is being studied, although emphasis is placed not upon what a person eats but what he utilizes. The appetite center, believed to be in the mid-brain, may be affected by the circulatory fluid, the composition of which is altered by absorption of foods. The Quartermaster scientists are leaving no area unexplored.

9,691 combat soldiers, all holders of the Combat Infantry Badge, were asked to name the items which they would prefer in an emergency ration during a recent survey. The food in question was only of the type which could be carried by a man when cut off from all supply.

Twenty-eight per cent of the men took coffee as their first choice, with cigarettes running a close second with 24 per cent. And the following items were chosen in the order of preference: biscuits and crackers, candy, chewing gum, cheese, sugar, bacon, and eggs or ham and eggs, frankfurters and beans, meat and beans, and matches. 78 per cent of those questioned said that for convenience's sake the ration should be carried in a sardine-type can.

MEDICAL DETACH

Checking over the leave roster this week we find the amazing total of one man. T/5 Stephen Hargrove happened to be the only EM who went on leave.

Returnees from leave are Cpl. Bob Nelson, Cpl. Ted Wilson, Cpl. Curley Preston, T/5 Eloy Oslin, T/5 Roland Perkins, Pfc. Topsy Kemp, Pfc. Abenicio, Pvt. Bob Baringer, Pvt. Peter Kois, Pvt. Verl Young, and Pvt. Julio Almanza.

Every week we like to take time to wish our fellow EM who have gone into the hospital as patients a quick recovery. Our wishes this week go to T/5 Edward Grobelny and Pvt. Melvin Lerner.

Back to duty go T/5 Robert Pelletier, Pfc. Manuel Frausto, Pvt. Edward Raisio and Pvt. Charles Gorman after leaving the patient roster.

The basketball meeting held at the gym Monday night was a big success. The meeting was held for the purpose of forming a basketball league for the men or our detachment. It is composed of six teams with seven men on each team. The league will run for a period of 10 weeks with games being played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6 p. m. At the end of the ten weeks the championship team will be presented with medals. In the near future a Letterman Varsity basketball team will also be formed and will be composed of several former university players.

The interest shown by the big turnout for this basketball league proves that our detachment is interested in expanding the athletic program. Anyway, here's a vote for the promotion of other leagues for different sports.

Pvt. Mike Levinson, who has spent a lot of his spare time in forming this basketball league, deserves congratulations.

Cpl. Bob Bisbee, just back from a furlough spent in Long Beach and San Bernardino, found it easy to return to duty. Reason: He found two letters waiting for him from Japan, and he keeps reading them over and over. Her name is Jean, and she's there on an assignment with the Air Corps.

HE KEEPS COMING BACK TO THE ARMY AND COMING BACK TO LETTERMAN



T/3 HENRY W. MARCUS
Occupations: Liaison and House-Hunting

T/Sgt. Henry Marcus obeyed that injunction to "join the Army and see the world" and after nearly ten years as an Army man he admits that the part about seeing the world is working out. He's seen a good deal of it, anyway, both in the United States and overseas. At present he is liaison non-com between Hospital Service Branch and the office of the Hospital Inspector, and he says his work involves being something of a "super-duper snooper."

Though he's a native San Franciscan, he grew up in Fresno, and went to school there, at Fresno High and Fresno State. He entered the Army in 1937, and was sent to Fort McDowell, on Angel Island. He spent a year on duty with the Medical Department in Hawaii, and upon his return to the United States on furlough, he asked for a transfer to Letterman, where he remained for two years. He was out of the Army for a year, but re-enlisted, and spent the next 17 months at Camp Grant, Illinois. Five days after he completed his basic training, he was

promoted from private to sergeant in one jump.

During the next 15 months, as acting 1st sergeant of the basic medical and surgical nursing school, he lectured trainees for eight hours a day, with a new group of students every eight weeks. "A total of 350,000 trainees went through the course," he says "and I began to feel like a phonograph record, I repeated lectures so often." The school was written up for "Life" and "Pic," and Sergeant Marcus says he was "cover girl" on "Hospital Management" one month.

He volunteered for overseas duty, and after stops at camps in Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, and New Jersey arrived in England and eventually in France, landing on Omaha Beach. Later he was on the first allied train into Paris after the liberation. "In fact, we were the first, second and third train into Paris. We kept getting lost, because our destination was not supposed to be Paris. Still, we kept coming back to it." Each arrival in Paris was occasion for a celebration, and Sergeant Marcus



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Lang, a son, **Paul Anthony**, weight 7 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 24 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bernard J. Masterson, a girl, **Margaret Mary**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 24 October.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond L. Smith, a son, **Robert Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 25 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Fener Zini, a girl, **Dorothy Ann**, weight 7 pounds, born 25 October.

To Major and Mrs. Fredrick Hess, a girl, **Gloria Rosalind**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 28 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. H. A. McFadden, a boy, **Andrew Jackson, Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 28 October.

Tim: "So you taught your wife to play poker?"

Jack: "Yes, it was really a swell idea. Last Saturday I won back almost a third of my salary."

A hostess at a meeting of the League of Women approached a reporter and asked:

"How come you aren't in the Army?"

The reporter eyed her for a moment, then replied: "The same thing that is keeping you out of Esquire—physical unfitness."

says he had "the usual bottles of wine and the usual number of kisses" accorded the liberators.

He was stationed at hospitals near Paris for a year, and then was headed for the C-B-I theatre when the war ended. He received his discharge last December, but re-enlisted after three months, and came back to Letterman, where, he says, "I hope to stay until I retire."

Right now his major hobby is house-hunting, because he and his wife, Nettie, are expecting to be proud parents any day now, and daily commuting from Petaluma isn't exactly handy. When the house-hunting gets too arduous, he takes time out for some gin rummy.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Any veteran with a service-connected disability is entitled to receive outpatient medical, surgical and dental treatment provided by the Veterans Administration.

Such treatment is available at outpatient departments and clinics of VA hospitals. Regional and sub-regional offices also are setting up outpatient services.

Hometown medical treatment by private doctors for service-connected disabilities may be obtained in California through the California Physicians Service. VA is completing contracts in other states which will enable eligible veterans to receive treatment from doctors and dentists in their home towns or at private hospitals and clinics if adequate VA facilities are not available.

If a veteran is in need of hospitalization, he or a close relative, physician or representative should apply at the nearest VA office. Authorization can be given by telephone in emergencies, in which case the veteran's physician should call the nearest VA regional office.

If a veteran is in need of outpatient treatment for a service connected disability, he may apply for such treatment from any VA clinic or any private physician who is a member of the California Physicians Service.

Veterans receiving treatment from private physicians for service-connected disabilities may obtain prescribed drugs from local pharmacies which have signed an agreement with the California Pharmaceutical Association.

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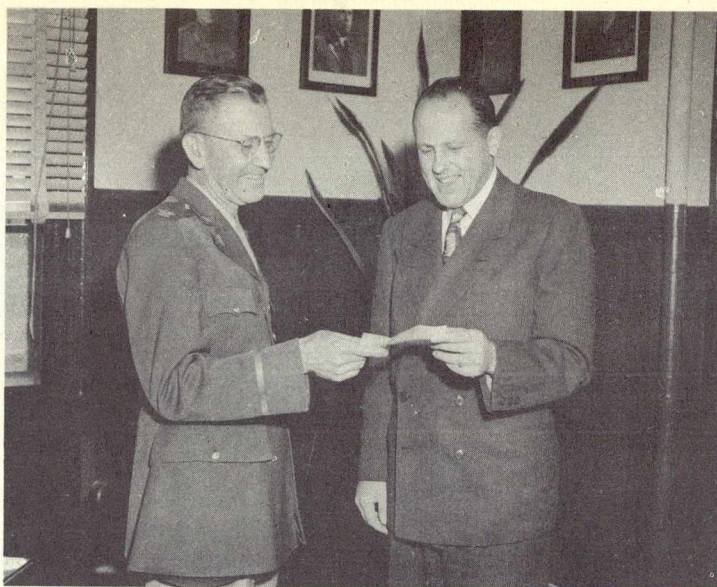
Question: Does the Veteran Administration provide special treatment when required by a veteran?

Answer: Yes. VA hospitals have consultants and attending specialists on their staffs who are recognized by the medical profession as qualified specialists in the various particular fields of medicine. The VA also maintains special allergy and tumor clinics to which problem cases may be transferred and where the most advanced types of treatment are available.

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Q. Will the VA pay a veteran's transportation to a VA hospital?

A. Yes, if prior authority for hospitalization has been issued. In emergencies, ambulance service is provided at government expense.



THE COMMUNITY CHEST
Receives with pleasure a check for the contributions from personnel of Letterman and the Hospital Train Unit. Colonel Luther R. Moore presents the check to Russell L. Wolden, San Francisco assessor, who is chairman of the Community Chest business section.

Careers for 1,500 Disabled Vets in One Firm

(CNS)—Lifetime jobs for 1,500 disabled veterans are the offer of the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, N. J. Botany's director of industrial relations, Maj. Gen. Irving J. Phillipson, himself a disabled and retired veteran of forty-four years' service, comments:

"There is a great misconception about disabled veterans. If a man is less than 30 or 40 per cent disabled he is usually capable of doing any job in the plant. Motion studies of our mill jobs showed that very few required greater agility than is possessed by 90 per cent of the disabled men.

"If a man is our veteran we make sure he gets a job. If he never worked for us we will do our best to get him a job.

"... We expect to hire 1,500 veterans, giving first chance to disabled men. This will be a gradual program as we increase employment from 6,500 to 7,000 in a peacetime cutback from three to two shifts a day."

The cornerstone of the Botany program is training of veterans, who at present number 1,100—550 of whom are disabled. General Phillipson credits the president, Col. Charles F. H. Johnson, with instituting the training program.

"We have apprentice courses,"

explains the general, "for practically all skills in the mill—weaving, spinning, loom fixing, personnel work, assistant superintendents, cloth finishing, to name a few. We get Veterans Administration payments to the trainees on time. They train at pay scales up to the administration's maximum for non-disabled veterans and on an unlimited basis for disabled men."

One veteran minus a leg is holding down a gateman's job until he becomes accustomed to his artificial limb. When he feels he's ready he will begin training for a skilled job with higher wages.

Veterans working for Botany must feel as if they're back in an Army camp with so many ex-GI's as fellow workers. Gen. Phillipson and Col. Johnson are doubtless wise enough, however, not to blow the swing-shift with a bugle.

Didja hear about the customer who brought back her purchase because she said she wanted a floor mop, and this one had "Ceiling" marked on the price tag?

Pfc.: "Say, old man, can you let me have five..."

Pvt.: "No..."

Pfc.: "... minutes of your time?"

Pvt.: "... trouble at all, Mac."

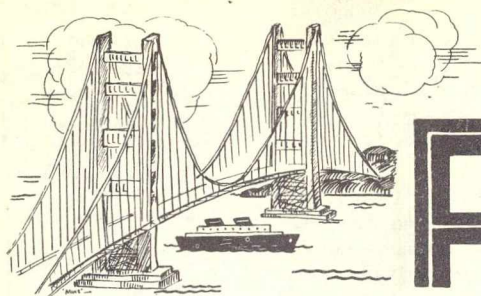
RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Approximately one third of the men and women in the Armed Forces attended but have not been graduated from high school or secondary schools; another one fourth are high-school graduates but have not attended college; one in ten has attended but not graduated from college. Do you have a high school diploma? Are you planning on going to college when you return to civilian life? If your answer to the first question is "no" and your answer to the second question is "yes," then you will be interested in Tests of General Educational Development. These tests are available on the high school and college level. The high school level tests may be used to determine whether the individual has the equivalent of a general high school education, and are comprehensive objective examinations in each of the five major fields of educational development; Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression, Ability to Interpret Reading Materials in the Social Studies, Natural Sciences, Literary Materials, and General Mathematical Ability. The college level tests are comprised of the first four, with the mathematics optional. Some colleges will grant credits on the basis of the GED Tests. In addition to the GED's, credits are granted for the "successful completion" of such basic or recruit training programs in accordance with the school's policy of allowing school credit for learning fields described in the basic training course. It is recommended by the American Council on Education that the school grant a maximum of four credits (two units) for basic training.

2. If you're planning on going to college, drop in Reconditioning and look through the file of college catalogues and bulletins.

3. Are you interested in teaching a teacher Italian or learning with the teacher and pupils? Join them Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1400—go to Bldg. No. 1039. Other classes on-the-Post are Civics, History, Spanish, French, English, Typing, Shorthand, Math, Mechanical Drawing, Bookkeeping and Accounting and Public Speaking.

4. Gompers' Trade School offers the following courses: Aircraft Construction, Aircraft Engines, Auto Mechanics, Commercial Art, Diesel, Dress Design, Electric Shop, Machine Shop, Milinery-Trade, Photography, Radio Broadcasting, Radio Operation and Service & Repair.



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General Hillman To Retire From Active Duty

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, who has been in command of Letterman General Hospital since August 1944, will relinquish his command on or about December 1st and take terminal leave prior to retiring from active duty. He is now in his 35th year of service with the Medical Department.

The general is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Rush Medical College in Chicago. He was commissioned in the Medical Corps in 1911 and in his early career was assigned to a special course in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. His service includes duty at several tropical stations in peace time and from 1935 to 1939 he was the Chief of the Medical Service at Letterman and from here he was assigned to the office of the Surgeon General as Chief of the Professional Services until 1944 when he returned to Letterman as the Commanding General.

General Hillman was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding performance of duty in the office of the Surgeon General and an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second award for his administration here at Letterman. He wears the Army Commendation ribbon and in 1934 was decorated by the Brazilian government with the title of Grand Official of the Order of the Southern Cross in recognition of services rendered the Brazilian Army, and Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

During his tour as commanding general at Letterman General Hillman has participated frequently in professional activities of the local medical groups and was very active



Brigadier General CHARLES C. HILLMAN, U. S. Army Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, who is retiring from the Army, and will take over the directorship of Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida.

in civic affairs. He is a member of the San Francisco Press Club and the St. Francis Yacht Club.

General Hillman has written numerous papers read before meetings of the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, state medical associations, and other organizations. Other papers he wrote have been published in various medical and other journals.

He is a Fellow of the American

College of Physicians, and his other professional associations include membership in the American Medical Association, the Association of Military Surgeons, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Association of Residents and Ex-Residents of the Mayo Clinic.

On retirement General Hillman will take over the directorship of Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida.

Army Will Economize And Do Effective Job War Dept. Chiefs Say

Washington (CNS)—Despite a Presidential directive to cut a billion dollars from the military budget and the urgent need for additional appropriations to handle the problems of occupation, Harold C. Peterson, Assistant Secretary of War, revealed the Army determination to economize and do its job effectively.

At the same time, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pledged the Army would cut its expenditures to the bone so as to keep within Pres. Truman's over-all limitation of \$8,000,000,000 on the War Department. "I believe in budget cuts," he declared. "We are not fighting this."

Gen. Eisenhower pointed out the difficulties of making fiscal slashes at a time when the Army must meet pay raises, increased food costs and transport expenses. Maintenance of the occupation armies as well as support of the Army program to relocate displaced persons and help feed Europe, Japan and Korea, are the service's greatest burdens overseas.

Domestically, reductions to be made in the near future are headed by the projected closing of several army installations in the U. S., Alaska, Greenland and Newfoundland.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Gen. Eisenhower made the decision to abandon "Installations that are not absolutely necessary or vital to the Army."

Because of the difficulties of meeting all American obligations overseas on a restricted budget, the Army plans requesting an additional specific appropriation of \$350,000,000 from Congress to keep down disease and unrest among the countries we now occupy.

Letterman Says Farewell to Four Favorite Officers

There's cause for regret at Letterman this week as four favorites leave the hospital, three leaving the Army and one going out on transport duty. The about-to-be civilians are Captain John E. Cann, Chief of Anesthesia and Operative Section; Lieutenant Rogers M. Cox, Chief of Separation Center, and Lt. George D. Dowling, Finance Department. Chaplain (Captain) Joseph L. Gerhart, assistant Post Chaplain, is leaving for transport duty.

Captain John Cann, who has been at Letterman ever since he entered the Army in January 1945, with the exception of six weeks spent at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, says he leaves Letterman and California regretfully. He hopes to come back to California to live some day. However, that's not to be in the immediate future, because if his present plans work out, he will have a residency in Anesthesia at a hospital in Connecticut.

His home is in Greensboro, North Carolina, and he is a graduate of Duke Medical School, Durham, North Carolina. He interned at Duke Hospital.

Captain Cann is well known for his fondness for the game of golf, but insists that though he plays whenever he gets a chance, he's still not a good golfer. He also likes to fly, and has a pilot's license. Now

all he needs is his own plane. Right now when he wants to fly he rents one.

He plans to go home to Greensboro for a while before starting civilian practice.

Lieutenant Rogers M. Cox, who came to Letterman in February 1945 from Fort Lewis, Washington, had several assignments here, the longest and last of which was Chief of Separation Center. He had expected an overseas assignment, but got Letterman instead, and as separation officer, handled the discharges of men returning from overseas. He often wished he was one of them, and last week he got his wish, and went on his way to civilian life.

His wife and four-year-old daughter came from the East to join him in San Francisco shortly after his arrival here, and they now plan to live in San Jacinto. Before he entered the Army Lieutenant Cox was an agent for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in

was successful. He admitted himself that the several loaves he baked were good. And his staff in the separation center admitted that with that kind of initiative you can't lose.

Lieutenant George D. Dowling, the third of the outgoing trio, has been Director of Fiscal Division and Finance Officer since early in 1944, and at that time he was no stranger to Letterman, having been here as an enlisted man during World War I. After that war he went back to



JOSEPH L. GERHART
Chaplain (Captain)

Chaplain (Captain) Joseph L. Gerhart, assistant Post Chaplain stationed at Crissy Field, came to Letterman in July 1945. It was not his first time here, because he had been a patient the previous year when he was returned to the mainland from Leyte for further treatment after being wounded in a Jap strafing attack.

Chaplain Gerhart's first assignment after entering the Army was at Gardner Field, and this was followed by a tour of duty at Camp White, where he joined an engineer outfit with which he later served overseas. With this combat group, he was with the first troops to hit the beach at Leyte, and he later had the honor of arranging for construction of the first chapel to be built for a liberating army in the Philippines. When completed, the chapel was three feet underground and was protected with a three-foot layer of sandbags and roofed with canvas. It was a chapel where all denominational services were held.

Before entering the Army, Chaplain Gerhart was a pastor in Houston, Texas, for four years, and for six years before that he was Dean of the Southern Bible Institute in Houston. His wife and his son and daughter came here from Taft, California, to join him shortly after his arrival at Letterman.

He left last week on his new assignment—transport duty in the Pacific.



GEORGE D. DOWLING
1st Lieutenant, FD

school and was graduated from Columbia University in New York, where he majored in business administration. He entered business life as a Public Accountant, and the succeeding years brought him his own accounting business as well as a wife and four children.

He enlisted a few months after Pearl Harbor because he "felt he belonged to the Army." His Army assignments before coming to Letterman included Fort Hays, Jefferson Barracks, Scott Field, Fort Devons and Fort Edwards. Between assignments he was enrolled at Duke University as a Finance Department Officer Candidate, and received his commission in June 1943.

On the pastime side, Lieutenant Dowling is an expert caster with a fishing rod, and he has played semipro baseball for a number of years.

Now that he is returning to civilian life, he will be associated with a firm of public accountants in San Francisco.



ROGERS M. COX
1st Lieutenant, MAC

Cleveland, Ohio, and he is returning to that work. He will be with the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, and will act as their West Coast representative.

Lieutenant Cox is a graduate of Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, where he majored in English, history and accounting. He made history at Letterman during the bread shortage by calmly baking his own bread. He has never done it before, but his initial effort



JOHN E. CANN
Captain, MC

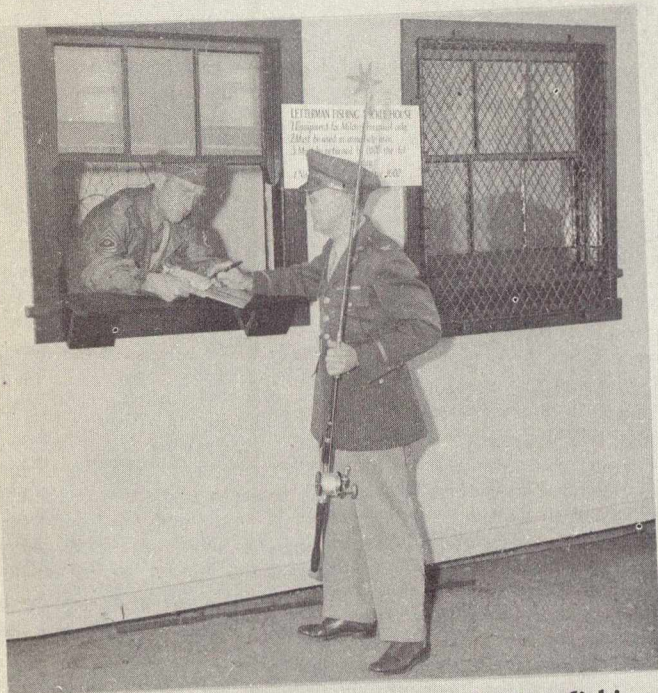
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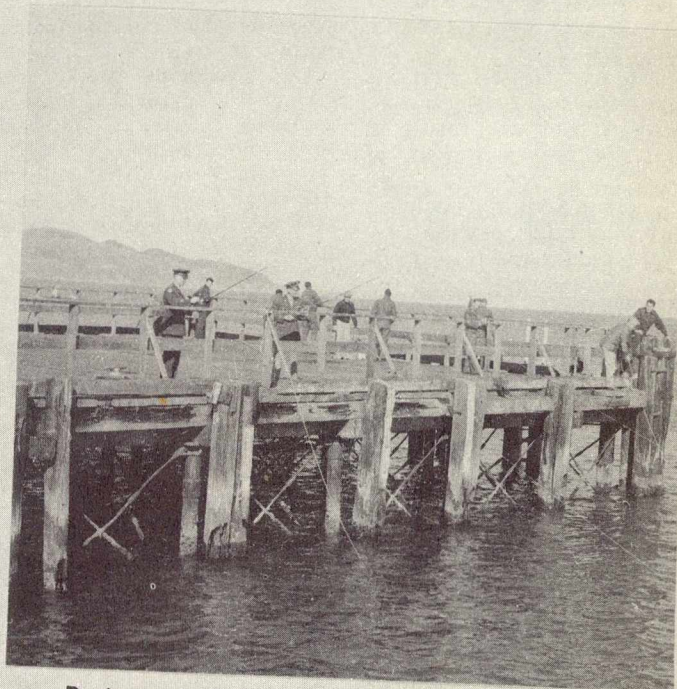
The Camera Club is entertained at the home of Mrs. Clyde Payne of Belvedere at a birthday party for her granddaughter, Diane Simmons.



Patsy Speer dances at the Camera Club party while Odette Joannes accompanies her on the accordion.



First Sergeant J. T. Meeks signs out the first fishing pole drawn on opening day at the Letterman Fishing Tackle House to Col. Luther R. Moore.



Patients and duty personnel use the fishing tackle at the pier.

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EDITORIAL

ARMISTICE DAY

Twenty-eight years ago come Monday the country rang with paeans of joy over the signing of the Armistice signifying victory in World War I. It marked the end of a war to end war and for almost a quarter of a century we were lulled into insecurity with that prevailing thought.

Less than two years ago we celebrated another pair of memorable days—V-E and V-J Days—to mark the end of the greatest war in history. At the moment the United Nations are in session to bring about an agreement that will result in making the late war the end of all wars.

The cynic looking back on history might suggest that experience should teach us some things, and among them the belief that man is prone to violence; that war is inevitable, and the cold facts of history seem to lend encouragement to the cynic and his views.

This year there will be the usual commemoration of Armistice Day in all parts of the country. There will be speeches extolling our fighting men and speeches proclaiming our desire for everlasting peace. Audiences will applaud the speeches and many resolve that "something must be done about it."

The practical approach to the problem is still expressed in the words of the Revolutionary who said—

"Trust in God and keep your powder dry."



Three members of the dietetics staff enjoyed week end football games—Lt. Jean Iverson and Lt. Ann Malone went to the Cal game on Saturday, and Lt. Eileen Welch went to the Sunday game.

The dietitians enjoyed the Nurses' Halloween party so much they want to say "Thanks for the invitation." From all reports it was a super occasion, with very original decorations and yummy food. There were about 150 at the party, and an orchestra made the dancing specially enjoyable.

Welcome to four recent arrivals in the Army Nurse Corps—Major Verla Thompson, from Camp Beale; Capt. Frances M. Everett, from Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass.; Lt. Lily W. Neal, from Fort Dix, N. J., and Lt. Marine H. Fell, from New Orleans Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, La.

Lt. Pauline Bruno, ANC, is enjoying a ten-day leave.

Congratulations on promotions from 2d to 1st lieutenant go this week to: Lieutenants Susan C. Feaganes, Reba L. Holland, Lucy E. Pasqualone, Lorraine E. Greenough, and Caroline A. Zeller.

Lt. Mary Musick, ANC, is in the midst of an enjoyable 15-day leave.

The exhibit of antiques at Larkin Hall is getting wistful visits from Lt. Leith Shaffer and Lt. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy. They keep going back because Lieutenant Shaffer has her eye (and ear) on a tinkly music box and Lieutenant Wall is lured by a copper teapot. The price tags are budget-shattering, but the betting is that the girls will not be satisfied until they've acquired the music-box and the teapot.

Experience has fully demonstrated that the national income and the standard of living have a direct relation to educational standards. More money spent for education means higher income for all the people and a higher standard of living. High education standards provide a better guarantee of higher national income and higher standards of living than do the superior natural resources of a country.—James L. Donnelly.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congrats to the many young men who were promoted last week. We can see from here that the pay line in November will be studded with broad smiles when the boosted men get their cash.

We see by way of Special Orders that the 79th Field Hospital has become part of the 9956 TSU-SGO. The 9956 is lucky indeed to have such a great bunch of fellows join the ranks. This field hospital joined our group during the latter part of September from Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois.

It was very interesting to see the amazing number of uniforms that appeared at the Strauss Festival at the Opera House last week. It seems that the military personnel of this and other posts are taking an added interest in music.

Everyone is a-waiting the Great Notre Dame-Army Football game. Almost everyone is a member of one of the two camps: the Notre Dame boys are just dying to see Army get whipped, and the Army men are loyal to the bitter end and will stand up against anyone who says otherwise.

Last week this corner announced that the near future would see a Letterman Varsity Basketball Team formed. Believe it or not, the men have not only formed the Varsity team but they have also, with only a few short practices, played two games. The Varsity should have a highly successful season since the record so far is already: Won 2, Lost 0.

Last Friday night the team journeyed to Hunter's Point Naval Station and defeated the Navy 48 to 31. The scoring was fairly well divided, with Sgt. Marty Malone, Pvt. Charles Gorman and Pvt. Art Miller getting 16, 12 and 12 points respectively.

Tuesday night Fort Scott was host to the Letterman Varsity and took a terrific beating from our team to the tune of 87 to 52. It is interesting to note that every man got in the scoring column. The individual scoring went as follows: Pvt. Charles Gorman, 26; Pvt. Jim Macholtz, 17; Sgt. Marty Malone, 15; Pfc. Lloyd Schunaman, 12; Pvt. Art Miller, 9; Coffman, 6 and Sgt. Pilo Apadaca, 2.

This victory was really welcome since the rivalry between Letterman and Fort Scott has always been very keen.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 10, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Annual Requiem Mass Monday for Dead of All Wars

The annual Memorial Mass of Requiem, commemorating the dead of all wars, will be held Monday, November 11, at ten o'clock in the National Cemetery in the Presidio of San Francisco. Zane Irwin Post of the American Legion is in charge of the arrangements.

The ministers of the Mass will be veteran chaplains of World War II—Rev. John G. O'Connell, Robert G. Essig, and Clement J. McKenna. The preacher for the occasion will be Rev. Cornelius Kennedy, a veteran of World War I.

Fishing Tackle And Bait Now Available Here

The new Letterman Fishing Tackle House opened this week under the sponsorship of Reconditioning Service, and Col. Luther R. Moore, acting commanding officer, made it official by drawing the first fishing pole signed out. Tackle is available for patients and duty personnel of the hospital, and the tackle house, which is near the Crissy pier, is open from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily.

First Sergeant J. T. Meeks is in charge of the tackle house. The equipment signed out, if not returned the same day, may be kept overnight, but must then be returned the next morning. Bait is also furnished.

Fish stories about what the men caught from the pier are already going the rounds, as well as the one about the 30-lb. crab someone got.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JOSEPHINE S. PORTER
Staff Sergeant

Until her marriage last July, S/Sgt. Josephine Porter was Josephine Jacobs, which led to complications. The reason: There were two Josephine Jacobs in the Letterman WAC detachment. When they first met, they agreed that something ought to be done about it, and as time went on and they got one another's mail and laundry, the situation got more confusing. So this Josephine did do something about it. She changed her last name to Porter last July, when she and Master Sergeant William Porter of Sixth Army were married.

Sergeant Porter was born in Russia, and has lived in France, but most of her life has been spent in the United States. Before entering the Army she was office manager for a firm in Dallas, Texas, and her business experience also includes some years of banking work. While on a vacation in California, she was, as she puts it, "struck by patriotism" and decided to join the WAC. She enlisted in 1945, intending to become a medical technician, but because of her business experience, was sent to clerk's school, and after her basic at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., she requested assignment to Letterman. This has been her one and only duty station, and she has been here 18 months.

She has worked in Detachment of Patients office, Finance office, Air Corps Liaison office and is at present in the Registrar's office, where she compiles statistics and likes it.

Sergeant Porter enjoys exploring San Francisco, going to the races, playing bridge (that's her favorite) and going to concerts. She and her husband have just acquired a house on the post, so she is now busily engaged with domestic duties and she calls them fun.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Maurice J. Fifield of E-2 denies that he's going to the dogs, but he is making them. So far he's made three out of yarn and is still at it. The first one went to his six-year-old son, Gilbert, and was named Snookums. Maurice has been in Army hospitals for two years, and has been a patient at Letterman since August. During the war he was a prisoner of war in Germany, and lost 83 pounds while a prisoner. Once he faced a German firing squad and was left for dead, but later escaped. Hospital days seem extra tranquil after that kind of rough going.

Bruce Hettle of D-2 is now sick in quarters, and he reports that getting his 6 feet 6 up 32 steps to get to his apartment is quite a chore. Says he plans to hibernate for 30 days.

Frank Murphy of K-2 didn't join the poker game on the ward. He just read comic books and made plans for the 60-day furlough he has coming up. He'll spend it way over in Berkeley with his family and is looking forward to some good times.

Harold Beach of Lordsburg, New Mexico returned to K-2 from surgery, and lost little or no time getting to work on another leather wallet. He's now on his third, and says he enjoys making them very much.

John Andrews lies in bed on K-2 and reads the "New Sad Sack" and eats Ritz crackers, and looks almost, but not quite, as sad as the Sad Sack.

Clint Logas of ward 28, who majored in Engineering at UCLA be-

fore he was in the Army, is now majoring in Journalism at San Francisco Junior College, and he's about decided to stay with it. He wants to get into advertising and publicity work. He's one of a group of seven patients who have classes at S. F. Junior College daily from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. The others are Laurie Hart, Charles Kahmon, Raymond Biggs, Ralph Ricks, West Hammond and Edward Gong.

Frank Douglas of D-2 says the way the election went suits him just fine. In fact, only one of his favorite candidates failed to make it.

They call him "Radar Rue" on K-2. That's Kenneth Rue, and he broadcasts on Tuesdays and Fridays, right on the ward, giving out with everything from a play by play description of a poker game to singing "One Meat Ball" with extra lyrics of his own devising.

Eugene Peterson in K-2 now has the nickname of "Suckersticks" bestowed by his wardmates, and he takes it with a smile.

They call Paul Senti of ward E-1 the man with picture priority because he's had his picture taken with three visiting celebrities. His friends say it's just because he's photogenic.

Albert Jeffries of ward D-2 won grand prize in the recent "whatzit" contest with his handmade 20-legged whatzit known as "Sara the Centipede." And don't think it was easy to outfit all those legs with boxing gloves, either. The prize is a large stuffed medal edged with blue ribbon ruffles.

GI OF THE WEEK



CARLOS C. CARPENTER
Technician Fifth Grade

It would seem that Corporal Carpenter specializes in Cs, with five of them in his name and address, thus: Corporal Carlos Calvin Carpenter of Collbran, Colorado. And just for good measure, his nickname adds another—it's "Carp." He is wardmaster on ward 41, and recently completed the wardmasters' school conducted by Training Branch.

He came into the Army in August 1945, just a week before V-J Day, which made him feel futile for a while, he says. He went to Fort Logan, Colorado for his basic training, then was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. Next stop was Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he received surgical technicians' training. Then, after a short period back at Fort Lewis, he came to Letterman in April of this year.

"I was glad to be assigned to Letterman," he says. "In fact, I've been well pleased with all my assignments." He enjoys scenic San Francisco, but when he had a furlough a few weeks ago, he headed for Colorado and home. He likes game hunting, and finds lots of opportunity for that around Collbran. He admits he was a good shot before he came into the Army, "but the Army made me a better shot." He likes other sports, but hunting is in first place on the list.

He's returning to civilian life in the next week or so, and is looking forward to a long vacation in the eastern states, where he will visit relatives and friends. Then he expects to enter Colorado A. & M. College at Fort Collins. He plans to specialize in forestry because he enjoys outdoor life so much.

Pvt.: "When can I expect that money you owe me?"

Sgt.: "Always."

*"I shall pass through this world
but once.*

*Any good, therefore, that I can do
Or any kindness that I can show
To any human being
Let me do it now. Let me
Not defer it or neglect it for
I shall not pass this way again.*

Author unknown

WAC

Welcome this week to a WAC new to Letterman, T/4 Hannah Goldberg, who comes here from Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Wedding bells rang out last week for T/5 Margaret Stanley and Pfc. Robert Wallace, who were married Saturday, November 2, in San Francisco. Pfc. Wallace is a member of the 63rd M.P. Battalion of the Presidio. All good wishes for their happiness go to the happy couple from their friends here.

T/5 Toby Paglin of the Message Center, who takes messages all over the post and consequently covers a lot of territory, says she walks three miles every hour, and is now looking around hopefully for a horse or a bike to help out on the transportation problem. However, her friends in the WAC are worrying for fear Toby will get lost on her travels, and they're talking of furnishing a St. Bernard dog to send to her rescue.

Four members of the WAC detachment report a wonderful time at a Navy dance they attended this week, though they insist that they're not transferring their allegiance to the Navy. Those who went were T/3 Jessie Pekarski, T/3 Marjorie Burns, T/5 Jessie M. Barnes and T/5 Viola C. Makie, and they say the music, the dancing and the fun were all tops.

Our Mail Bag

The following letter was received from 10-year-old Anne Blunden, a pupil at Miss Burke's School in San Francisco:

Dear Boys:

Hope you are getting better again. We have tried to make enough money at Miss Burke's School festival to make your boys feel happy. At our festival we raffled off a radio, a dog, and many merchandise orders, and many other things.

I am writing this letter because I wanted you to know that other people care about you and want to make you happy. Enclosed are some pictures I drew and thought you might like.

Well, so long now—signing off.

Sincerely yours,

ANNE BLUNDEN

Editor's Note: The pupils of Miss Burke's School have been among our most consistent benefactors during the war years and we appreciate Anne's thoughtful message.

SHE WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR BUT SETTLED FOR DIETETICS INSTEAD



Lt. JUNE R. WARREN
Who recently joined the Dietetics Branch staff

Lt. June Warren of Dietetics Branch is a soft-voiced blonde with an engaging smile. She came to Letterman last month from O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, and it was a little like coming home because she received her training at the University of California and the Bay Area is familiar ground.

She's a native of Montgomery, Alabama, transplanted to California when her family moved to Fresno. She wanted to be a doctor, but "I decided it would take too long, so I studied dietetics as the next best thing," she says. After she received her B.S. degree in nutrition dietetics at the University of California, she had a year of training at UC Medical Center in San Francisco.

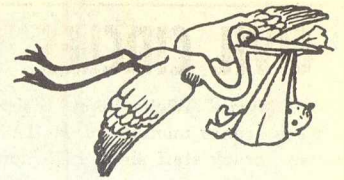
In June 1945 she entered the Army, and went to Camp Carson, Colorado for her basic training, after which she was sent to O'Reilly General Hospital, and was there over a year before coming to Letterman.

Lieutenant Warren is relief dietitian at present, and says she enjoys her work, which includes writing menus for general and special diets, supervising the service of meals, seeing that they are well-prepared and nicely served, and giving instructions on how to prepare them.

She lives in quarters opposite the former Dante Annex. "It's nice to be there, because we're a small group, all very friendly, and if we like, we can go out in the kitchen and cook," she says. And Lieutenant Warren does like to do just that. The other night she made baked Alaska, the delectable dessert constructed of sponge cake covered with ice cream and topped with meringue.

She enjoys sports in general, with swimming and horseback riding her two favorites. Recently she learned to tint photographs, and is working on it so she'll become an expert.

On the romance side she says "Oh, I'm not in love with anybody in particular."



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lester Schneringer, a girl, **Ila Paulette**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 28 October.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Helmut Schmid, a boy, **Erich Herbert**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 29 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Eddie H. Vickers, a boy, **Ronald Edward**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 29 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Orville Hooper, a boy, **Kerry Dean**, weight 9 pounds and 3 ounces, born 30 October.

To T/3 and Mrs. Henry W. Marcus, a boy, **Steven**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 30 October.

To WO and Mrs. Fred P. Pawsey, a boy, **Michael**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 31 October.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Maynard Clegg, a boy, **Thomas Richard**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 1 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Nurss, a boy, **Ronald Dean**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 1 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. William Jordan Mathews, a boy, **William Morrison**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 1 November.

"What is that horrid insignia on the side of that bomber?"

"For gossacks be quiet! That's the major looking out the window."

Englishman: "I say, what are those people doing?"

American: "They're dancing."

Englishman: "But they get married later on, don't they?"

It was one of mother's busy days. Her small son came in with his pants torn.

"You go right in and mend them yourself," his mother ordered. Some time later she found the torn pants on a chair. The door to the cellar was open and she called down loudly and sternly "Are you running around down there without your pants on?"

A deep voice answered "No, madam, I'm reading the gas meter."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. Myrtle Wichersham Kirby, who has been a member of the Letterman library staff since 1939, left this week to go back to homemaking, and her co-workers said a reluctant good-bye to her. Mildred Bryan, who transferred from Military Personnel, took over Mrs. Kirby's duties.

Jimmy Farrar of the Amputee Section is under attack from the flu bug, but he's doing a good job of combatting the illness.

Peggy Janeic of the Record Office added a new celebrity to her list when she got Humphrey Bogart's signature last week. He is in San Francisco on location, shooting scenes for a new picture with San Francisco background. The signature is in an ideal spot for display purposes—it's on Peggy's PX card.

Back after two weeks pleasant stay in San Mateo and Brookdale is Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse on duty on ward P.

Jean Peetz of the Laboratory is all prepared for the cold weather now, having acquired a luscious new fur coat. We're hoping to see her modeling it one of these days.

Martha Phillips, of Personnel office, joined friends in a hike over Mill Valley way, and they covered the Hogsback trail, one of the most precipitous and lunched at Mountain Home. And the two Strunk sisters, Betty, of Reconditioning, and Shirley of Outpatient Branch, did some strenuous hiking on Mount Tamalpais at Alpine Lodge.

Greatly missed in Dental Branch is cheerful "Wally" Fruit, who served for three years as janitor there. He has been transferred to day duty in the Administration Building.

Aileen Hollen of Finance is on the mend after injuries received in an automobile accident near San Mateo. She was a passenger in a new Dodge, and on her way to an afternoon at the races, when the car became involved with a truck.

Mrs. Gloria Stockhausen Browne, who recently resigned from the Transportation office where she had served four years, dropped in to tell us about her new job as a housewife.

Helen Jones of the library had a good rest week-ending with friends in Modesto.

HIS NICKNAME MAY BE "SHORTY"— BUT HE'S LONG ON INGENUITY



Pfc. DONALD W. ARTIMEZ
Patient produces prodigious pouches

"You're a slacker!" That did it! When Pfc. Donald Artimez heard a fellow-worker tag him with that name, he immediately went down to prove him wrong. His first attempt to join a branch of the service, namely, the Marine Corps, failed, but his second attempt that same day proved very successful. Thus it came about that Don is a member of the 101st Air Borne Division. When part of the training took place in an ex-cemetery, Don began to wonder where his first jump would place him!

Don, better known as "Shorty" (which proves that the best comes in small packages) probably broke some record when he was taken prisoner in France, and was liberated after four days. It proved that a successful landing via parachute doesn't always mean one is safe!

"Shorty" is well known throughout Letterman for his talent in making yarn menageries. He's a past-master at ducks, dogs, lamb, skunks, giraffes, and pink elephants, and many a lucky person has been the recipient of his generosity and is able to display a woolly dumb beast on a desk or table. It's proven so

successful a hobby that "Shorty" plans to "open shop" in San Francisco and then go back to Atlantic City to start a coast-to-coast business.

Evidently this very likable person doesn't have any gripes. Says he, "I'm not fussy, I'm Irish!" His interests include stamp collecting with a specialist's eye toward Russian stamps. His only real hate is women . . . "When they are far away!"

Donald William III, is Shorty's pride and joy, and favorite wallet filler. Whenever there's a lull in the conversation, the subject changes to his four and one-half year old son, who proves a fascinating topic. Second favorite possession could be the Sulka scarf presented to Don by radio star Hildgarde and draped Hollywood style around his throat. (See picture above.)

Just lately he's perfected a new member of the yarn menagerie—a lapel Scottie that comes not only in the conventional Scottie black and white but in rainbow hues as well.

"Western Star" New Sixth Army Monthly Makes Appearance

"The Western Star," official publication of the Sixth Army, made its initial appearance last week with the November issue. Plans for the paper were formulated by General Joseph W. Stilwell before his death, and the lead story in the first issue tells the story of his great Army career.

The paper features news from Army installations throughout the Sixth Army area, and items of interest from Letterman are included. The first issue has a story about Lt. Bertram Kopperal, patient here who took the last photograph of General Stilwell. The picture he took was used in this issue of "The Western Star." There is a story about Corporal Ben Shook of Ward 29, another Letterman patient, and also various other news items from the hospital.

The paper is a tabloid-size, eight-page monthly, and Major General George P. Hays, Sixth Army Commander, says in the first issue in a message to the military personnel of the Sixth Army:

"Western Star is your paper, published for you as an activity of the Information and Education Section, and supported by the Welfare Fund. It is hoped that you will find in its pages both entertainment and information. It is not intended to be a medium to preach or to scold, but to provide a means of acquainting you better with the personnel and far-flung activities of the Sixth Army.

"Every effort will be made to present Western Star to you in a manner that will add to your enjoyment of duty and enhance your pride in the organization of which you are part. Through better information and heightened interest in your own mission, you will be better prepared for the responsibilities you will be called upon to carry in our nation's peacetime Army. The cooperation of all is urged to make Western Star brightly informative and truly representative of all elements of this command."

Model Planes

The Model Airplane Club of San Francisco will conduct an exhibition of models in action on the Letterman parade ground on Sunday morning beginning at 1100.

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. What human needs did the primitive man satisfy by his music-making? The "Old Man" of Cro-Magnon ate because he was hungry. So do we. He made music because his dawning appetite for emotional communication and artistic expression, almost as fundamental a human need as food is an animal necessity, demanded satisfaction. He, or his even earlier ancestors, began the long series of inventions and experiments with the materials of music, still going on, which have had as their purpose the satisfaction of a great human need.

Our word "music" is a Greek word, but now has an altogether different meaning from its Greek meaning. The Greeks applied it to an art which was a composite of poetry, dancing, acting and musical sounds.

At Letterman, there are many forms of music expressed, both vocal and instrumental, heard over the air, in the class-room and in the wards. One example is the LGH Patients' and Duty Personnel Orchestra, now comprised of three patients, four Band members, and two Detachment men. They play semi-classical and dance-band arrangements, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Red Cross Rec Hall. One of the orchestra's original members, patient Selverio Rivera (E flat alto saxophone and B flat clarinet) up to the time he came to Letterman had not had the opportunity to play since coming into the service, has now reconditioned himself to the point where he is again ready to start in where he left off as a civilian, playing in dance bands.

For some people, music does the same to help rehabilitate as does the medicine the doctor uses.

Another phase of music is the Tuesday morning singing on Ward S-2, which usually starts out with two or three participants, and grows until by the end of the hour there may be up to 15 patients joining in. Of course, the doughnuts and coffee served by the Red Cross may lure them in, but it is an informal gathering, and such songs as "My Wild Irish Rose," (one patient calls it his National Anthem—his name is probably Kelly) "Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit-Bag," "God Bless America," and songs from the Army Song Book and the popular numbers from the Army Hit Kit add to the festive and gay mood that



PROVOCATIVE GLANCE

to match the provocative gown Anita Colby is wearing. They call that a high-low neckline at Columbia, where Anita earns her daily bread and jam by posing for pictures like this one and acting in pictures that move.

Camera Club Enjoys Party at Belvedere

Members of the Letterman Camera Club enjoyed a wonderful birthday celebration last Saturday when they were the guests of Mrs. Clyde

Payne at her Belvedere home on the occasion of the fourteenth birthday of her granddaughter, Diane Simmons.

all members are in at the end of the period.

Miss Thornbury, a San Francisco vocal instructor, is on hand to assist and sing requested numbers, adding to the group her pleasing voice and personality.

This hour is both educational and entertaining for all concerned and justly be entitled "Singing Your Way to Health."

2. Linoleum block-prints are on display at the Occupational Therapy Shop, having been sent here from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Works Projects Administration through the Arts and Skills Department.

Wool has become scarce in the O. T. Shop due to the popularity of the weaving projects, but the supply is being replenished.

Color photographs have been taken of the patients' works done in the different crafts, and soon there will be a display of these prints in the main hospital.

Entertainment at the party was arranged for by G. A. Giles of the Bay Area Council of Camera Clubs, and 12-year-old Patsy Speer tap-danced and played the accordion for the party, and Odette Joannes played the piano and accordion. The Letterman Chorus also entertained. There was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, which the patients enjoyed almost as much as taking movies and still pictures of the occasion.

Mrs. Payne has been hostess to the patients before, entertaining them at her home, and arranging boat trips and beach parties for them.

A timid-looking little man was being kidded by a group at the club.

"What are you—a man or a mouse?" they wanted to know.

"A man, of course."

"Why are you so positive?"

"Because my wife is afraid of a mouse."

Answering The Veterans' Queries

About 100,000 veterans who served this country honorably in time of war are not citizens of the United States. Until the end of this year, they may apply for quick citizenship under the Second War Powers Act.

This law, which expires on December 31 of this year, is of primary importance to alien veterans who enlisted or were inducted before December 28, 1945. The law offers these advantages to a veteran who wants to become a citizen:

1. He is not required to file a declaration of intention.

2. He need not have lived in the country any specified length of time.

3. He is not required to speak the English language, or meet educational tests.

4. He is not required to pay any fees for filing his petition for naturalization.

Those interested should apply to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice.

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Q. May a veteran file a claim for disability compensation a year and a half after discharge from the service?

A. Yes, if he honestly believes that his disability is due to his service, he may file a claim at any time. He should submit all evidence concerning his present state of health and its cause to his nearest VA office. A contact representative there will help him file a claim. However, in order to make his claim retroactive to his discharge date, he must file within one year.

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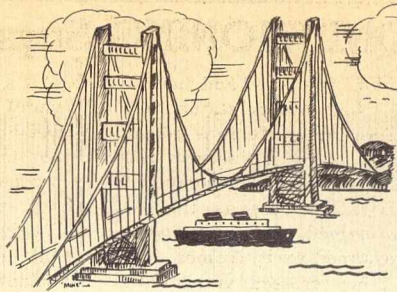
Q. Could I finish my college education in Switzerland at government expense under the GI bill?

A. Education in foreign schools is possible under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, provided the school you wish to attend has been approved and you have been accepted by the school, and provided, of course, that you are eligible for educational benefit. Transportation is not paid, however. You should check with the nearest VA office for complete details.

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Seaman: "Gosh, you mean you have never been out with a sailor? Swell! Where will I meet you?"

Babe: "Meet me at 2100 on the starboard side of Pier 7."



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Still 750 Openings For Army Nurse Corps Officers

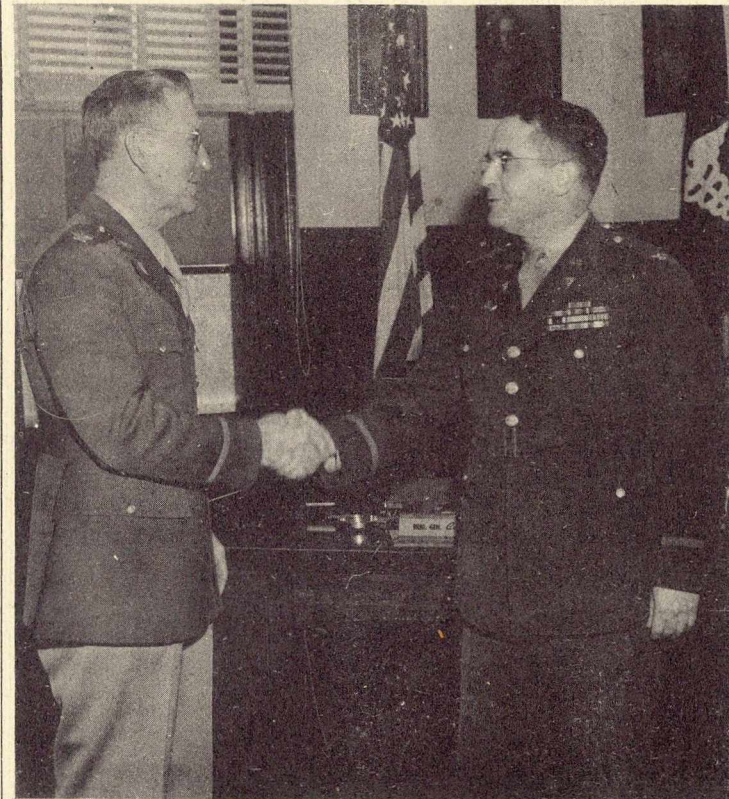
Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, announced recently that Army nurses in Category III who are on duty in hospitals scheduled for closing by December 31 will not commence their terminal leave until the hospital closes. Other Category III nurses who would ordinarily commence terminal leave November 1 may be retained temporarily, but they must be relieved from active duty by December 1.

Army General hospitals scheduled for closing by December 31 are: Halloran, Staten Island, New York; Bruns, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mason, Brentwood, Long Island, New York, and Wakeman, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina, closed November 15, but that will not materially delay separation proceedings.

Under revised separation criteria recently announced by the War Department, officers in Category III complete terminal leave by December 31. Inasmuch as exceptions were made for other Army Medical Department personnel due to the nature of their work, delays were also authorized in the separation of nurses.

In each case where a Category III nurse is retained on active duty in a hospital slated for closing, her terminal leave must begin not later than December 31, General Kirk stated.

With some 75,000 patients in Army hospitals throughout the world and a nursing shortage possible because of lowered discharge criteria announced last month, The Surgeon General has been authorized to hold Category III nurses until a voluntary recall quota of 1,-



Colonel HARRY A. BISHOP, M.C.
New Chief of the Hospitalization Division, office of The Surgeon General, is greeted by Colonel Luther R. Moore on an inspection tour of western army hospitals.

000 experienced Army nurses can be effected or until the dates indicated above.

Approximately 250 experienced Army Nurse Corps officers of World War II are on orders now for return to duty. There are still 750 authorized vacancies.

General Kirk warned against any misgivings that Army hospital patients would suffer from a shortage of nurses. He stressed that the welfare of the patient comes first and feels sure that enough former Army nurses will return to duty to meet strict requirements of Army medi-

cine.

In line with demobilization plans of the Army, 48,350 nurses have been separated up through September 27. At the height of the war, the Army Nurse Corps totaled 57,000 nurses.

Only last week, about 300 nurses were sought within the Zone of the Interior for duty at overseas hospitals. They will be assigned to relieve those eligible for return to the United States in Yokohama, Manila, European Theater of Operations, Alaska and the Antilles. Ev-

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Letterman Officers Are Alerted for Overseas Duty

If any one of some thirty officers of this command should consult a soothsayer these days a look at the crystal ball would bring the information "I see a long sea voyage ahead of you" and for once the seer would be more than half right.

During the past week a message from the office of the Surgeon General requested a list of all officers in MAC and PC who had less than 12 months of overseas service, to date with the idea of alerting them for overseas departure soon after 1 January. All medical officers in the ASTP group not previously alerted will be included in the requested list.

Top hand to be affected by the order is Major Thomas C. Ward, Chief of the Dietetics Department, who received his promotion only last week. Major Ward is one of the real old time Lettermanites who spent most of the war years at Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, and came back to us after a brief tour in ETO.

Captain Alfred L. Taro is another of the well known Lettermanites on the list. At present he is the assistant Adjutant and in the past he has been aide to the commanding general.

Captain Jack D. Burnett is vulnerable but had been previously alerted and he stays packed up. The captain was with the Medical Department Technicians Schools here at Letterman and later went to Dibble General Hospital until it closed.

Lieut. Philip A. Matthews likewise alerted has served here as a sergeant, a warrant officer, and came back the last time as a commissioned officer. He is the Chief of the Separation Classification section.

Army Trained 115,000 Medical Technicians During War

In the first figures made public on the number of technicians trained during the war, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, reported that 114,997 enlisted men qualified as technicians from July, 1939, to June, 1946.

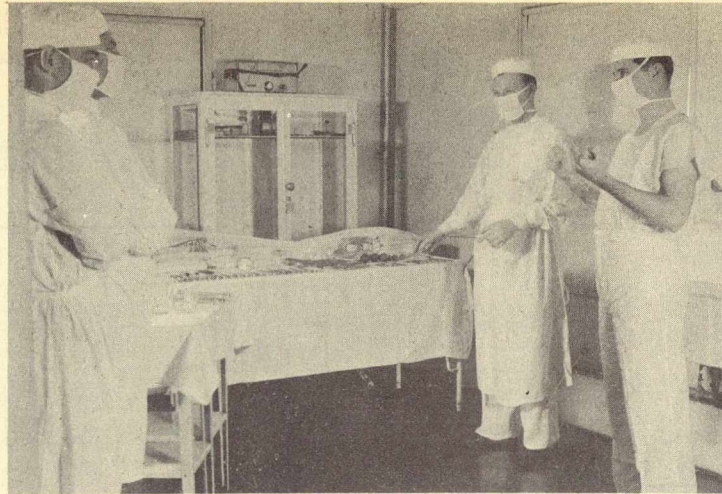
Twelve general hospitals and medical centers of the Army offered courses for enlisted technicians in X-ray, veterinary medicine, medicine, surgery, dentistry, laboratory, pharmacy, meat and dairy inspection, orthopedic machinery, medical equipment maintenance and sanitation. For those technicians who showed special progress, advanced courses were given.

As long ago as 1913, the Army Medical Department realized the need for enlisted technicians who could relieve doctors and surgeons of routine work so vital in caring for patients. The first enlisted students enrolled at Army Medical School, Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., for courses in X-ray. The work of the technicians was so successful that in 1915 enlisted personnel were trained in clinical laboratory procedures. That course was followed in 1920 by one in meat and dairy hygiene under qualified Army veterinarians. Two years later a school for dental technicians was started.

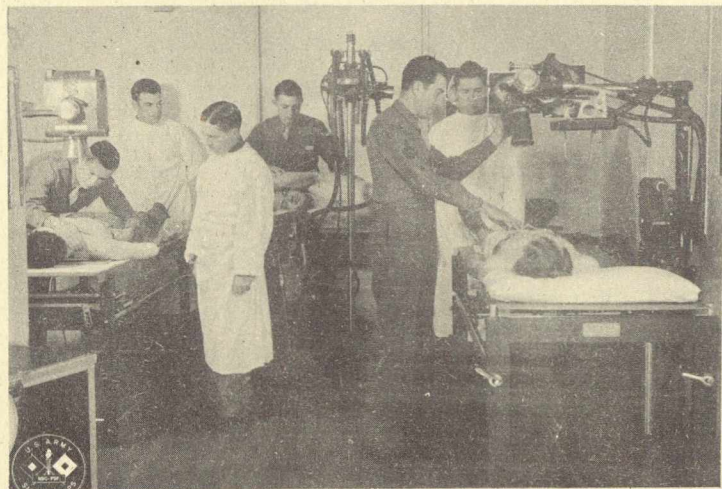
During World War I a total of 900 laboratory and X-ray technicians were graduated from Army schools and assigned to all echelons of the Army Medical Department. And 182 men qualified as specialists in orthopedic brace-making to form the basis for the Army's great prosthetic laboratories in World War II when upwards of 14,000 amputees required artificial limbs.

Since the close of hostilities, the number of centers offering courses ranging from two to four months of study and on-the-job training has been cut from 12 to three. At present there are enlisted technician schools at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

As Wakeman General Hospital is scheduled for closing on December 31, 1946, the schools will be maintained at Brooke Army Medical Center and Fitzsimons General Hospital. Already plans are under consideration for the opening of another training center. That action is in line with the Army's present pro-



SURGICAL TECHNICIANS
on duty in the operating room at Letterman.



X-RAY TECHNICIANS
assist doctors of the Letterman staff in the X-Ray laboratory.

gram to consolidate all Medical Department activities in about a dozen great centers.

Part of the technicians training program was closed out in February of this year when Women's Army Corps personnel were no longer assigned to the schools. Up until December, 1945, more than 8,000 Wacs received training under that program.

The training program now has 5,200 enrolled in the three schools. Courses which are operating at present are the following: medical, dental, medical laboratory, pharmacy, surgical, X-ray, medical equipment maintenance, veterinary, and meat and dairy hygiene.

In the medical and surgical technician courses, advanced training is available to those men who show exceptional ability. Whereas the graduate of regular courses is entitled to the non-commissioned officer rank of Technician Fifth Grade (Corporal) or Technician, Fourth Grade, (Sergeant) a graduate of the advanced school is in line for a rating as Technician, Third Grade (Staff Sergeant) or Technical Sergeant.

When a soldier has completed his technician schooling and on-the-job training he then devotes most of his duty hours to actual application of his specialized knowledge. Regular post and garrison duties are kept

at a minimum for the technician.

Since the war ended and large numbers of enlisted technicians released to private life, many are now employed in a civilian capacity at the same jobs they learned in the Army. Many pharmacy school graduates who were assigned to pharmaceutical duties as technicians gained practical experience which aids them immeasurably in drug stores throughout the nation.

Ex-GIs now may be found assisting dentists in their offices in making dental prostheses or preparing fillings. Farms and animal hospitals are profiting from the knowledge of veterinary technicians. Civilian hospitals are profiting from the knowledge of veterinary technicians. Civilian hospital laboratories and clinics employ many ex-soldiers who learned their trade through schooling and practical experience in a war which saw 15,000,000 patients admitted to Army hospitals for treatment of practically every ill known to the medical profession.

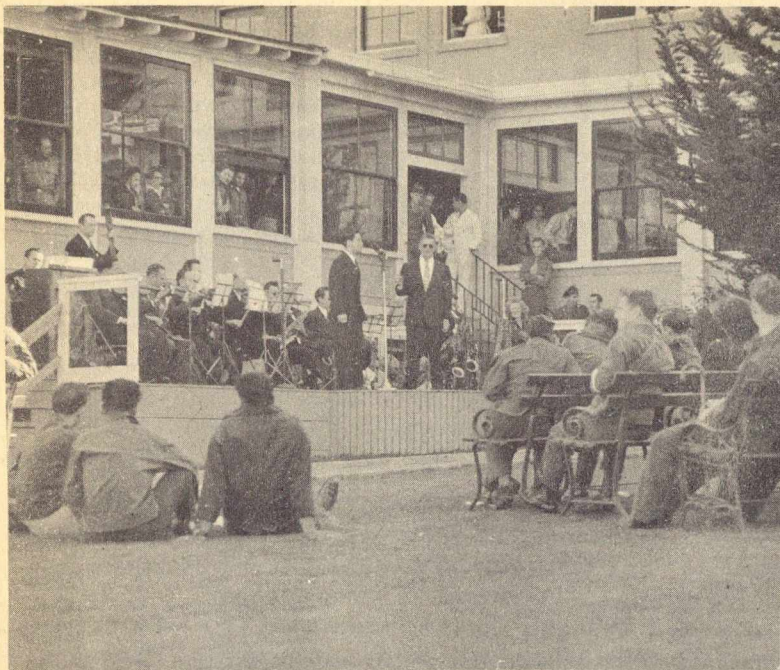
A great need for maintenance of medical equipment is felt not only in the Army, but in civilian medical business houses and hospitals. And the former medical equipment maintenance technician fits effortlessly in the position. In fact, in November the Army plans to extend its schooling of these technicians a full six months beyond the customary 16 weeks for those men of exceptional aptitude.

No longer does the cry, "Medic!" sound over the battlefield, but the Army medic is still much in demand on training maneuvers and in the field. Usually, the litter bearers are accompanied by a technician fully able to administer the necessary first aid attention until adequate medical facilities can be made available.

About one half of all the men trained in Army Medical Department installations are given basic courses for duties requiring less technical knowledge than that demanded of the technician. These men perform essential duties on the wards and furnish the basic services on which the Army medical system is founded.

In the event of an auto accident or some other violent mishap, it may be that the civilian who steps forward and administers first aid until a doctor arrives will a former soldier trained as a technician by the Army Medical Department.

Music-Making and Movie-Making Seen by The Camera Eye



Anson Weeks and his band, long time San Francisco favorites now at the Music Box, play in the patio for the patients.



Ceramic display in Occupational Therapy Shop of work done by Letterman patients.



Humphrey Bogart, in San Francisco to shoot scenes for a new picture, pauses to pose for Letterman Camera Club members.



That's Lauren Bacall in the station wagon at the Golden Gate Bridge toll stop. This is where a Camera member took a picture of movie men taking a picture.

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EDITORIAL

YOUR ADVANTAGES

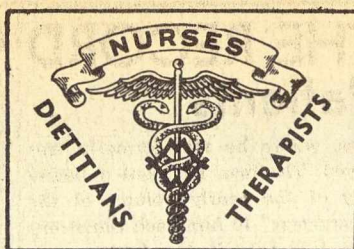
The ex-GI's and officers of World War II have far greater advantages offered to them than did their fathers who were the vets of the first war.

The ex-soldier of today is offered a multitude of benefits, including the right to attend college with a sixty-five dollar a month living allowance, a governmental loan to create a business, and the right to return to his former job.

With these and many other advantages offered to us, it is only right that we use them. Too many ex-GI's are letting the opportunity of going to college bypass them. Tuition and keep is something that only a few people have ever had handed to them in the past and now we have it for the asking. A loan to enter business was formerly a hard item to receive and yet the Veterans Administration is prepared to help you with a loan.

The Army has helped by instruction given in various technical lines. The Army has taught us the correct and speedy way to study and absorb knowledge. It has opened new fields to many in the form of radar, aviation, radio, electronics, medicine and many others too numerous to mention.

The record of the American soldier is comparable to none. His personal achievements, his undying loyalty, and in general his ability to adapt himself to a strange way of life is recognized and admired by all.



Promotions came through this week for personnel of the Army Nurse Corps, the Physical Therapy Section and the Dietetics Section. The six who rate congratulations are: ANC—From 1st Lieutenant to Captain, Areline Burkhead; from 2d to 1st Lieutenant: Ada A. Hagan and Goldie M. Phillips. Physical Therapy Section—from 1st Lieutenant to Captain, Vida L. Buehler. Dietetics Section: from 1st Lieutenant to Captain: Wilma E. Sledge and Betty Jane Myrbo.

Major Verla Thompson is rejoicing because her luggage finally arrived from Camp Beale after a two-week wait. She says it seems nice to have clean uniforms again.

Lt. Frances R. Dunlevy, whose home is in Brewster, Ohio, was welcomed this week to Letterman. She recently returned from duty in the South Pacific.

Captain Josephine Rosicky went to the horse races during the week end, and what's more, she picked the right horses!

Volunteers from the Army Nurse Corps for overseas duty will be outward bound shortly for the Philippines, Japan and Alaska. First out will be three going to the Alaskan Department: 1st Lieutenants Grace Bender, Sarah B. Holmes and Goldie M. Phillips. The next group, going to Yokohama, Japan, will include Captain Dorothy Locke and 1st Lieutenants Frances Aragon, A. Muriel Stark, Ruth H. Andreen and Mary L. Zazzo. Then next month seven more will embark for Manila for duty with the Philippine Scouts. They are: 1st Lieutenants Ethelyn Hughes, Barbara R. McGill, Frances P. McKay, Philomena A. Pagano, Rosemary L. Perry, Theda T. Reed, and 2d Lieutenant Margaret M. McNamara.

This American ex-soldier owes it to himself to retain this record, which he can do by becoming a leader in civic groups and in general facing civilian life with the same determination and aggressiveness that won him the title of the world's best soldier.—Spotlite, Mason General Hospital.

CIVIL CIRCLES

With Thanksgiving approaching, some of the girls in the Occupational Therapy Section are making plans to be with their families for the holiday. Zella Counts will go by train to Burbank, then by plane to Fort Worth, Texas, to get home in time for turkey. Winifred Kirk's destination will be Salt Lake City, Utah. Esther Aguado will go to Van Nuys to celebrate Thanksgiving, and will also get to see her new nephew, born last week.

Wedding bells will ring on Thanksgiving Day for Doris Padilla, who resigned from O. T. Section last week. After her marriage she will live in Sonora.

Letterman said bon voyage to Charlotte Faxon of the Laundry last week, and gave her a farewell gift to take with her when she sails for her home in Zurich, Switzerland. She has been on duty at Letterman for four years.

Ellen Bauer of Dental Clinic spent the long week end in Vacaville, visiting friends and taking in the horse show.

Quite elated these days over a new possession is "Ace" Guth of EENT Section. She has a new combination radio and record player, and is having fun tuning in such distant stations as Spain, Belgium, England and Germany.

Ruth Dean, one of the favorites of the PX Grill, left this week for her new home in Fresno. She says she hates to leave, but will be happy to have more time to spend with her two children.

Welcome to "Lou" Wiggins, who is acting hostess at the East Hospital Service Club.

"Maggie" Trumpour of Finance enjoyed a canter through the hills around Fairfax, Marin County, with a group of friends, and found her new feather haircut just the thing for a horseback ride—the wind sweeps through it but can't undo it.

Frances Weeden is back in the Sick and Wounded Office after a month's trip with her husband. They flew to Atlanta, Ga. to visit Frances' family, then went to Chicago to see other relatives.

Leonne Brennan of Dental Clinic is looking for clues—and a car with red paint on the fenders will be a good one. Her car was badly scraped and dented while parked during the day while Leonne was working.

The dissemination of information is one of the cornerstones of modern civilization.—John F. Bud.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 17, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Exams Announced For Three Civil Service Positions

Three examinations for probational civil service appointments have been announced by the Civil Service Commission. They are for the positions of Property and Supply Clerk, Property and Supply Officer, and Engineer. The property and supply positions are for federal establishments in the San Francisco Bay Area, and salaries for clerk range from \$2644 to \$3021 yearly. Annual salaries for property and supply officer are \$3397, \$3773 and \$4149.

The register resulting from the examination for Engineer, which includes all branches of engineering, such as Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical, will be used for filling positions in Washington, D. C. and vicinity and a limited number of positions in the field-service-at-large. Salaries are from \$3397 to \$5905 yearly.

Applications for the property and supply work must be filed in Oakland, California, not later than 21 November 1946, and those for the position of engineer must be received in Washington, D. C. not later than 3 December 1946.

Announcements of the examinations, giving more detailed information, are posted on the hospital bulletin boards, and information about them may also be obtained from Civilian Personnel Branch, Room 221, Administration Building.

A man attains in the measure that he aspires. His longing to be is the gage of what he can be. To fix the mind is to foreordain the achievement.—James Allen.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CAROLINE POWERS
Technician Fifth Grade

Because her three brothers were on overseas duty and she wanted to help too, T/5 Caroline Powers enlisted in the WAC in June 1945. When she completed her basic at Fort Oklethorpe, Ga., she asked for a station in California. She came to Letterman 16 months ago, and was assigned to duty at Dante Annex. When Dante closed in June of this year, she came to the main hospital and has worked on Wards G-1 and G-2.

Caroline had intended to become a nurse, but had completed only one year of training when romance came along and she was married. She lost her husband in 1932, and "I had to work hard to bring up my children," she says. "Sometimes I worked 16 hours a day." She has a son and two daughters.

Her son, Ensign Cecil Powers, will be out of the Navy shortly, and plans to go back to college in Birmingham, Alabama. So when Caroline leaves the WAC next June, she intends to "go back home and take life easy and see Cecil through his last two years of school."

Before Caroline joined the WAC, she worked as an airplane inspector at an Army air depot in Georgia. "I thought at the time that I liked my job, but I like what I'm doing at Letterman much better," she says.

Caroline enjoys living in San Francisco, and one of her favorite pastimes is exploring it. She is making a camera record of "ever nook and cranny" around the city. She likes to crochet and knit, and especially enjoys the movies. In fact, she goes every night, and there is some doubt whether Hollywood will be able to keep up with her consumer demand for new pictures. "If they don't have enough new ones," she decides, "I'll see some of them twice."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Ray Ballew, patient on C-1, is liable to become addicted to hospital life. He left Letterman three weeks ago, then this week had to come back for an appendectomy. Ray is from Marshall, North Carolina, and is stationed at Fort Baker. He says he thinks he told the doctor his whole life history while he was being operated on.

On D-1 they're saying that the town of Hayward had better beware when Frank Soto of C-2 gets his brace, which will be in the near future. Frank's reaction to this is a groan of denial.

Paul Culley, former C-2 patient, wrote from his home in Las Vegas, and sent a hello to all his friends at Letterman.

Clifton Collier of Los Angeles, who is a patient on C-1, recently returned from Manila, and says he really enjoyed being there. He even got in the movies, playing second lead in a local production. Says it hasn't given him Hollywooditis, though, because music is his first love. He plays tenor sax, and wants to play in a band after "about another year of study."

A group of 15 patients were entertained at dinner recently as the guests of the owners of the Hawaiian Gardens in San Jose. The dinner was arranged through the courtesy of Mrs. Elberta Jackson of San Jose, and Mrs. Jackson was hostess for all the drinks, candy, cigarettes and even the pictures taken of the group. The floor show was dedicated to the patients.

Good news! Sam Harrison of C-2 is out of that wheelchair, and is even driving his own car these days! Last Saturday he attended the radio broadcast "Quiz of Two Cities" and surprised everyone by walking in instead of being wheeled in.

A husband-and-wife team are working together on their Christmas gifts on Ward D-2. A. E. Gianelli is making his 31st leather wallet, and Mrs. Gianelli comes in during visiting hours to work on a set of 12 place mats she is weaving. Each place mat takes two and a half hours to make, and has 450 knots. About which Mrs. Gianelli's husband remarks "Oh, knots!"

Jake Kaiser of C-2 looks forward to getting his monthly copy of the "Cannoneer," house organ of Cannon Electric Company of Los An-

geles, where he was formerly employed. The firm has sent a bound copy of the yearly volume of the "Cannoneer" to him each Christmas since he's been in the Army.

Henry Kay of ward D-2, who hails from Chillicothe, Ohio, is a patient because he likes to read so well. He is usually surrounded by 14 or 15 books, so he'll never fail to find one to fit the mood of the moment.

Found at Letterman—a Winchell! What's more, he likes to write, and has promised reams of news for the Fog Horn beginning next week. He's really a Winchell, too. Name of Mack A. Winchell, of Stockton, California.

Norman Boeger of ward 3-2 is about to take off for San Jose on a 60-day furlough, but his friends insist he'll be back every weekend, on account there's a strong attraction for him at Letterman.

It seems that Richard Howard of ward D-2 has more feminine guests than anyone on the ward. His only problem is to keep them all coming at different times.

MORE ABOUT
ARMY NURSES

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Every effort is being made to separate nurses desiring such action without jeopardizing the welfare of patients.

Experienced World War II Army nurses who wish to return to active duty are urged to write immediately to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., for application forms.

To be eligible a nurse should be less than 34 years of age, physically qualified for general duty, and have no dependents under 14 years of age, be unmarried and have an efficiency rating for previous service of 35 or better. They may return for two years or an unlimited period of time.

In answer to questions received in the Office of The Surgeon General, nurses are advised they may wear civilian clothes when not on duty, uniforms they wore to separation centers are authorized and their return to duty will not prejudice their opportunities for integration into the planned Regular Army Nurse Corps.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



KENNETH McPIKE
Sergeant

They call him Kenny or they call him Mac, and he's glad to answer to either. His first day in the Army was April Fool's Day, 1946, but he doesn't feel he was fooled, because he likes his assignment. He's from Bedford, Indiana, and after being inducted at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, he was immediately sent to Letterman. Here he was assigned to duty in the Message Center, a good spot to get a birds-eye view of what goes on in the hospital. He's now in charge of the six people who handle the multitudinous papers that find their way in and out of the busy Message Center.

At present Kenny's family live in Louisville, Kentucky, and the whole family, which means his parents and his older brother, are sports-minded. Kenny's no exception, in fact sports are his major interest, and all his free time is taken up with going to the various sports events in the Bay area.

Wrestling, boxing, football, baseball, basketball, midget auto races, horse races—they're all on his list of diversions. And with a purpose besides mere enjoyment, because in the year he spent at Indiana University he majored in journalism, and when he gets out of the Army he intends to go back and carry on with his journalistic studies. He wants to be a sports writer, and says he still marvels that "people get paid for going to sports events and writing about them."

He's keeping his writing hand in while at Letterman by writing the Medical Detach column for the Fog Horn, and is doing a good job of it, too.

He doesn't lose sight of his sports writing goal, and the friends he's won at Letterman with his ready smile and friendly personality wish him the best of luck in that career.

WAC

Captain Marion D. Chapin spent the holiday week end at the Canyon Inn at Johnsville, California, in the High Sierra, and indulged in winter sports. The Inn has been taken over and is being run by five former WACs, and Captain Chapin reports a very enjoyable time.

T/5 Shirley D. Brownlee of the WAC detachment and Captain Dean Wood, who is at present a patient at Letterman, surprised their friends here when they announced their recent marriage. Captain and Mrs. Wood were married 2 November in Reno, and spent a brief honeymoon in Reno, Carson City and Lake Tahoe. Mrs. Wood's home is in Rochester, New York, and Captain Wood is from Seattle, Washington, but the couple expect to make their home in San Francisco. Their friends join in wishing them every happiness.

T/Sgt. Josephine Jacobs spent an enjoyable holiday week end with friends in Alameda and Stockton.

Camera Club Takes Some Pictures of Bacall and Bogart

Thanks to the machinations of G. A. Giles, arranger-in-chief of field trips for the Letterman Camera Club, the club members went on location last week and took shots of Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart, who are in San Francisco shooting scenes for a new picture.

At the Golden Gate Bridge toll stop everything was ready for the Hollywood cameraman to take a scene showing Lauren Bacall stopping in a station wagon to pay the toll. Only one thing was wrong—they couldn't find Lauren. When they finally did find her, she was behind the toll gate in the midst of an admiring group of camera club members who were taking pictures of her.

Next day, in San Francisco, Humphrey Bogart, bandaged to the eyes after a supposed plastic surgery operation, was the target not only for the movie camera, but also for the camera club members.

Lt. Bert Kopperal, member of the club and a former Life photographer, met Bogart for the first time, and they discovered that they had lived only a few doors from one another in New York and both are alumni of Trinity College. Bogart invited Lieutenant Kopperal to be his guest in Hollywood next time he is down there.

SHE DOESN'T TELL FISH STORIES, BUT LOCAL FISH HAD BETTER BEWARE



Lieutenant MARY M. PRINGLE
New Chief of Special Services

The attractive, curly-haired brunette now occupying the desk of Chief of Special Services is Lieutenant Mary Margaret Pringle, of the WAC, who came to Letterman in October, and is glad of it. Her days are a whirlwind of activity, arranging transportation for trips to around-the-bay diversions for patients and duty personnel, arranging for the entertainment itself, and coordinating plans of the Army, the "Y" and the Red Cross for Christmas activities at Letterman.

Lieutenant Pringle has been in the WAC since January 1943, when the organization was known as the WAAC. She is a native of Oklahoma, but was living in Long Beach, California, when she enlisted. After basic training at Des Moines, she became a member of the 25th OCS class there, and after receiving her commission was assigned to recruiting duty. As district commander of the Fort Worth, Texas, recruiting district she had a territory of 81 counties to cover, "and in Texas that's a lot of territory," she says.

In April of this year she was transferred to the jurisdiction of the

Office of the Surgeon General, and stationed at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma, where she had four jobs. She was company commander, club officer, assistant personnel officer, and member of the retiring board.

When she came to Letterman last month, she was very pleased, because getting back to California was one of the things she wished for when she had time to wish.

Before she entered the Army, Lieutenant Pringle worked in the collection department of a credit association, and was later in the accounting division of a Los Angeles shipbuilding firm.

She likes to read, to listen to music and to play tennis, but her major enthusiasm is fishing. Her father was long distance fly-casting champion in the Olympics of 1932, and that same year, at a tender age, Lieutenant Pringle was entered in the junior event for accuracy in plug casting. "I guess there isn't a river in California that I haven't fished for trout or bass," she says. She has her own rods and lines, and ties her own flies. Anglers' Club, take notice!



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Moody, a boy, **Dennis Dean**, weight 5 pounds and 2½ ounces, born 4 November.

To W/O and Mrs. Victor Malone, a girl, **Kathleen Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 13½ ounces, born 5 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Stanley Jacobs, a boy, **Michael Douglas**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 5 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Rehling, a boy, **Charles John**, weight 6 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 6 November.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Richard Low, a boy, **Begemin Franklin**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 6 November.

Many U. S. Vets Are Remaining In Philippines

Manila (CNS)—Many of the American soldiers who fought in the campaign to liberate the Philippines from the Japs have stayed on in the islands and are opening businesses.

More than 500 have been discharged in Manila so that they might enter business or take Civil Service or private jobs. These men are emulating another group of veterans—Americans who fought in the Spanish-American war and stayed on to earn fortunes in gold mining, imports and exports, shipping and manufacturing.

Many of the veterans now in the Philippines have gone into the business of selling Army surplus supplies.

Any service man requesting discharge abroad must prove to the Army that he has a job or capital to start his own business. One example is Sgt. Paul J. Kiener of Moxahala, Ohio. After two years in the Army, Kiener obtained his discharge in Manila and opened a contracting business. He had been a contractor in Ohio and South America before the war. So far, his firm has removed nearly 50 unexploded mines and shells and thousands of pounds of dynamite from wrecked buildings.

MEDICAL DETACH

The new detachment athletic program of Major Whittaker has definitely "caught on" here at Letterman General Hospital. A basketball league is now in full swing, with six teams competing for championship laurels. The league will run for 10 weeks and at the end of that time, a champion will have been crowned. Each man on the winning team will receive a medal in honor of the victory.

The league is now in the second week of playing and each game finds the teams fighting harder and playing a better brand of ball. The first week's scores were as follows:

Team One—74 vs. Team Two—12.

Team Three—16 vs. Team Four—42.

Team Five—27 vs. Team Six—31.

The scores of some of the games prove a little lop-sided, but the boys are out there trying and having a good time as well. With the rainy weather now setting in, the basketball league will draw more and more spectators, so all basketball followers are urged to come out and cheer for the boys.

With basketball now under way, new fields of athletics are being organized. Plans have been drawn up for free bowling and skeet-shooting. Alleys have been reserved at Fort Scott for one night each week, and it is hoped that the program will be inaugurated with a big turnout. If interest is shown in competitive bowling, leagues will be organized.

Skeet-shooting is not a popular sport because of the cost and the limited number of skeet ranges. Letterman General Hospital has access to one range, however, and consequently a full skeet-shooting program is in order. All equipment will be furnished, including guns, clay pigeons, shells and instruction.

All duty personnel interested in signing up for either or both of the above sports can do so by signing up at the table in front of the mail window in the east hospital. The table will be set up on Monday, 18 November through Wednesday 20 November, between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.

And statistics prove that four out of five women haters are women.

HE'S ON HIS THIRD TOUR OF DUTY AND DIETETICS AT LETTERMAN



Major THOMAS C. WARD
Director of Dietetics

Major Thomas C. Ward, who rates congratulations this week on his promotion from captain to major, is now on his third tour of duty at Letterman. He is Director of Dietetics here. "It used to be called mess officer, but Director of Dietetics is the new name." He admits that the change of title hasn't affected the problems of the job, but he likes problems and knows how to deal with them.

He was first at Letterman as wardmaster from 1930 to 1932; returned in 1934, and was mess sergeant until 1942. He came back for the third time in January 1946, and war Director of Dietetics at Dante Annex until it closed in June, when he came to the main hospital to assume the same duties.

Major Ward is a native of Nebraska, but his home has been in San Francisco since 1923. He has been in the Regular Army for 18 years, and was commissioned in June, 1942. He served in the Philippines, on Corregidor, from 1932 to 1934. During World War II he was at Torney General Hospital at Palma

Springs, California, for 29 months. He arrived there when the hospital was just getting under way, and had to use ingenuity to get the mess activities started.

"We borrowed a couple of gas ranges, and improvised methods of serving. At first we served meals on tables set up on the tennis courts."

In January 1945, Major Ward went overseas, and served in Scotland, England, France and Germany. He was with the 254th General Hospital at Bond, Germany. In September he returned to the United States, and enjoyed a 45-day leave which he says was practically a continuous round of golf. He requested a return to Letterman, and after a brief time at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the request was granted.

Major Ward and his wife Mary and their three-year-old daughter, Thomasine, make their home at Park Merced. Being only a block and a half from the Harding golf course gives the Major a chance to get in a lot of golf, and he does. His California State Handicap is three, "but I want to get it down to one," he says.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Free vocational counseling through the Veterans Administration is helping thousands of ex-servicemen adjust their sights on post war careers.

Designed especially to aid disabled veterans, the service is also available to those who qualify under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill).

Vocational advisers with a wide experience in counseling are able to help veterans select and train for a job or trade in which they have the best chance of success. The advisers are abreast of current opportunities in various fields and endeavor to match the ex-GI's personality, experience and capability with his ambition and available opportunity.

Guidance activities are located in various VA offices throughout California, Arizona and Nevada, and at guidance centers in colleges and universities.

The complete counseling of a veteran usually requires from three to four hours of his time, although in some cases a full day or even longer is required.

Vocational advisers are carefully selected. They must have a college degree, a knowledge of psychology, testing methods and a minimum of five years actual experience in business, industry or other fields outside the classroom.

Testing methods have been developed by psychologists and industrial laboratories all over the country. They have been used successfully by private industry, business firms and schools, so they are really "tested" tests.

Question: Will the VA guarantee a loan for the purchase of an automobile?

Answer: Only if the car is needed for the veteran's business.

Q. Is it possible to convert part of GI insurance and keep the balance as term insurance?

A. Yes. Any amount over \$1,000, in multiples of \$500, can be converted. The balance may be kept as term insurance for as long as eight years from the date of the policy providing it was issued before December 31, 1945. If the policy was issued after December 31, 1945, it may be kept for five years.

Q. Can terminal leave bonds be used as additional security for a GI loan?

A. No.

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—Hoopla, hoopla, make way for a new giant in the realm of professional sports! Pro basketball is well under way toward its greatest season. After knocking on the dorr to the sports treasury with only fair-to-middlin' success for a quarter century, the play-for-pay cagers are going to slice themselves a substantial hunk of the golden hoard this season.

Gone is the day when the pro hoopsters could attract little more than a corporal's guard. Riding the crest of the post-war sports boom, for the first time they are giving top collegiate teams a run for the money at the turnstiles. Shrewd promoters in the new 11-team Basketball Association of America are paying players an average of \$4,500 to \$5,000 for a 60-game season, with some of the main stars drawing over \$10,000. And the promoters are not philanthropists.

That kind of boodle puts your professional cager in the same class as pro baseball, football and hockey players. Sure, the headline hunters in baseball may knock down \$50,000 a year. A few footballers are in the \$20,000-a-year class. Some hockey players may top \$10,000. But that \$5,000 average runs pretty true to all of these sports.

Much of the attention in the new basketball circuit is being focused on Cleveland, which will present a lineup including: Kenny Sailors, Wyoming; Bob Fraught, Notre Dame; Mike Novak, Loyola; Clarence Hermesen, Minnesota; Mel Riebe, Great Lakes. The New York Knickerbockers also boast a great array of metropolitan stars: Ossie Schechtman, LIU; Ralph Kaplowitz, NYU; Forest Wever, Purdue; Stan Stutz (formerly Modzelewski), Rhode Island State.

Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Fort Wayne, Toledo and Anderson, Indiana, comprise the Eastern division of the National circuit. Holding up the Western end of the circuit are Chicago, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Detroit, Indianapolis and Youngstown. Rochester appears to be the top team with a lineup that includes Bill Holzman, Fuzzy Levane, Bob

Davies, Dolly King, George Glamack, Del Rice (catcher of the St. Louis baseball Cardinals) and Otto Graham, a backfield star during the football season.

In the American League the franchise formerly held by the New York Gothams has been transferred to Brooklyn. Fredo Frey and Sol Cohen, former LIU luminaries, and Tommy Baer, St. John's are in the Gothams' lineup. Other teams in the American League are Troy, Paterson, Newark and Jersey City, all in New Jersey, comprising the northern division. Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia and Elizabeth form the southern division. And out on the Pacific Coast, such teams as Seattle, Portland, Salem, Tacoma, Vancouver, Yakima and Bellingham will participate in the American and National League schedules.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. One night in London, the American painter James McNeill Whistler was invited out for dinner. It was at the time he was doing his famous paintings of London fogs. Shortly after his arrival at the host's house, a woman arrived, and, running up to him, exclaimed excitedly: "Mr. Whistler, I just crossed the Thames, and it looked exactly like one of your paintings." Whistler smiled and replied: "Thank you, madam. Nature is improving."

Does the painter merely "hold the mirror up to nature" trying to make his painting an exact imitation of what he sees? Why does an artist paint pictures? How does he work? What can the observer look for in paintings? How can paintings be judged?

An artist paints, models or carves not merely to reproduce what he sees exactly as he sees it, but to communicate his feelings, thoughts, attitudes and beliefs to those who look at his work.

Many persons look only for correct perspective, correct proportions,

and natural colors. If a picture or a statue looks "natural" or "real," it is good; if it does not, many observers assume that the artist was incompetent or careless. However, as the problems of painting and sculpture are investigated it becomes evident that imitation and verisimilitude is seldom held as a goal by artists.

At times painters may work without any "program" or "cause" in mind other than to stimulate and please the observer, others may work to express their own feelings, and get satisfaction much the same as a musician when he plays a song of his liking.

Reconditioning offers both individual tutoring in art and music, and the loan of books for self-study. A sketching class is being formed by Mrs. George Peet, volunteer art instructor for the Red Cross.

2. States which granted high school diplomas on the basis of the GED Tests, administered by Educational Reconditioning Section during the month of October, were: Arkansas, California, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Washington. If you don't have your high school diploma and are interested in obtaining it, drop in the office any day for information.

3. Would you be interested in having an Interior Decorating class on-the-post? The Red Cross will provide an instructor if enough people register. Do this at Bldg. No. 1039, Reconditioning.

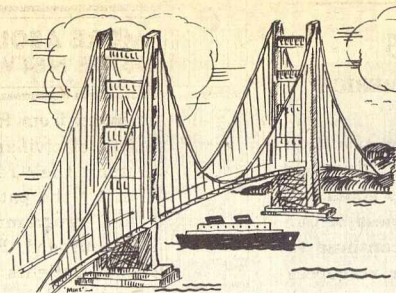
4. If you're going to college when you get out of the hospital or service you'll want to be prepared for the college entrance examination. The standards of most universities has been made higher due to increased enrollments, so it is advisable to be prepared. A certified teacher may be seen Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:00 o'clock, Bldg. 1049.

Like to Drive?

Special Services would welcome the services of volunteer drivers to take patients and duty personnel on evening and week end trips. Drivers must have licenses issued by the Motor Pool on or after 15 September 1946. Those who volunteer to drive will be admitted free to the various types of entertainment offered, such as theatres, movies, and sports events.



PEARL-GIRL COMBINATION
Looks unbeatable when lovely Ann Miller, Columbia star, is the one who's showing off the pearls.



LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL FOG HORN

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Legion of Merit Award Presented To Colonel Blair

Colonel John D. Blair of the Orthopedic Section was presented with the Legion of Merit, Oak Leaf Cluster, this week by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman. The ceremony took place in the Assembly Room at Letterman.

The citation accompanying the award states:

"Colonel John D. Blair, 0295717, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific Area and Japan, from 27 July 1945 to 31 May 1946. As Executive Officer, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, United States Army Service Command C, Colonel Blair displayed unusual professional ability incident to the formulation and implementation of plans for the prompt and adequate support of occupational forces in Japan.

"He completed the organization of G-4 Section, selected and trained new personnel, supervised the preparation of supply directives and Standing Operating Procedures for use in future base activities, and in addition, as Acting Chief Surgeon, supervised planning for medical operations in Japan.

"Serving as G-4 of the rear echelon, he most capably accomplished the G-4 aspects of the movement to Japan where he subsequently demonstrated seasoned judgment and able leadership in aiding in the operation of the Yokohama port and base which handled more than 7,000,000 dead weight tons of cargo and provided for the logistic support of occupation forces in northern Japan. In addition, he did much to make possible the prompt and proper disposition of excess shipping and supplies.

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THANKSGIVING MENU AT LETTERMAN

Tomato Bouillon, Ritz Crackers			
Roast Turkey, Oyster Dressing, Giblet Gravy			
Whipped Potatoes		Buttered Succotash	
Cranberry Sauce			
Celery Hearts	Radishes	Olives	
Hot Rolls		Butter	
Pumpkin Pie	Ice Cream	Mincemeat Pie	
Coffee	Tea	Milk	Cider
Assorted Candy		Nuts	Fruit
Cigarettes		Cigars	

Doctor Bunnell Receives Army's Medal of Merit

Dr. Sterling Bunnell, well known San Francisco surgeon, received on Thursday the Medal of Merit, the Army's highest civilian award, for his outstanding war time work in reconstructive surgery.

The presentation, in the name of the President of the United States, was made by Brigadier General C. C. Hillman at a brief ceremony held in the staff room at Letterman General Hospital. Present at the ceremony were Mrs. Bunnell, and their son Sterling, Jr., as well as the medical officers of the Letterman surgical staff.

Dr. Bunnell with a distinguished record of accomplishment out of his background of more than thirty years of surgical practice, that had gained recognition on both national and international fronts, was called to service in October 1944. Under the Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Dr. Bunnell organized and developed hand surgery, training the medical officers in the Army General Hospitals that were assigned for the reconstruction of the wounded. This skillful and advanced surgical reconstruction of hands of soldiers has enabled thousands of men to return to their productive work in civil life.

It is the first time in Army history that the hands have been recognized as a surgical entity. Hands form part of the silhouette of man and are injured in that proportion.

"Surgery of the Hand," the first book of its kind to be published, was authored by Dr. Bunnell, and paved the way in this new field.

Dr. Bunnell has recently returned to private practice here, and is associated with Dr. L. D. Howard, who served as a Lt. Colonel in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army.

Station KLGH Tells the World About the Beddside Network

An inauguration day program of the Armed Forces Radio Service, commemorating the installation of a four-channel system of wired radio throughout Letterman General Hospital, was broadcast today at 12:45 p. m. over KSFO.

Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman spoke on the program, and a telegram of congratulation from Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, was read. General Kirk's wire said:

"In the American way of life, radio plays an important part. The realization of this by the War Department brought about the foundation of the Armed Forces Radio Service, designed to provide continuous radio programs for America's fighting men during the war. Today in our hospitals all over the United States the casualties of the world's most devastating war are fighting their way back to health. The Medical Department, through the Armed Forces Radio Service, has established the Bedside Network, whose job is to give the patients high quality entertainment, news and educational programs, all of which will help return him to duty or civilian life. May I offer my best wishes for the continued success of the Bedside Network at Letterman General Hospital."

General Hillman's remarks follow:

"It affords me real pleasure to participate personally today in the formal dedication of the Armed Forces Radio Service installation at this hospital. Radio reception for our sick and wounded is a valuable aid to the professional care given by our doctors and nurses, and the world is brought to the bedfast by the magic emanating from the air waves."

"The equipment now in use at Letterman is of the latest design and a patient has a choice of four programs by merely making a selection on one of the four channels available to him. Local programs are a definite contribution to the reconditioning service, and the close liaison between the office of the Surgeon General and the Armed Forces Radio Service assures every hospital getting the benefit of the broad experience acquired during the long war years by the AFRS."

"It is the desire of the War Department that our personnel be an informed group on the questions foremost in the minds of our fellow citizens and the people of other countries. By means of radio we



THE ROVING MIKE

Dale Wights of Station KLGH finds out who's who and what's what from the patients and they tell it to the mike in this 3 p. m. broadcast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.



STAFF OF RADIO STATION KLGH

Seated: Station Manager John Miller. Standing, L. to R.: Hal Haklik, Jim Fritzell, Dale Wights, Don Schwab, & Bill Roberts.

have a form of communication that will reach everyone. Intelligent programming means our personnel will know what is going on in the world about them, and the Armed Forces Radio Service is charged with the duty of accomplishing that mission.

"Today we thank the staff of this station for their deep interest in the welfare of our patients and appreciate the enthusiasm with which they approach their task."

"I now declare Station KLGLGH formally dedicated to the service of the sick and wounded at Letterman."

Members of Letterman's radio station KLGH who took part in the broadcast were station manager John Miller and Jim Fritzell. Hal Haklik directed the program.

The broadcast told of the work of the Armed Forces Radio Service during the war from the time of the

first overseas broadcast from Casablanca until "AFRS installations were pinpointing the globe." It told of its postwar activities, with broadcasts still going on overseas wherever United States troops are stationed. It told with particular emphasis of the work being done in Army hospitals, and of its purpose. Excerpts from the program follow:

"At Letterman each bed has its own individual radio set in the form of a portable three-inch speaker which lies on the patient's pillow or hangs at the head of his bed. This of course can be heard only by the individual patient. On the wall, so that it may be reached by the patient no matter in what position he may be listening, is a four-way switch box with a long cord. By pulling on the cord, the patient can select any of four channels or turn his set off completely. This makes it possible for four individuals lying in adjoining beds to listen, simultaneously, to hot jive, a Chopin etude, a newscast or a variety program without disturbing each other. The programs are picked up by KLGH by means of radio receivers and special lines or are produced in the KLGH studio. They are then fed by wire throughout the wards. This is the Bedside Network."

"The programs are devised with the objective of keeping the hospital patients best informed and in the best possible spirits so that when they return to their homes, their reintegration into civilian life will be a normal and natural consequence."

"In addition to programs of diversional value, the Bedside Network, through the dissemination of news, information and educational programs, contributes to the psychological readjustment of the patient."

"It provides him with information concerning his rights and privileges as a veteran; assists in creating the will to get well and master handicaps; stimulates an interest in the current activities of the armed forces and in the progress of peace; explains to the patient and encourages his use of the army hospital facilities; stimulates an interest in planning for the future as regards civilian employment, diversion and human relations."

"In order to accomplish this job at Letterman, a trained civilian staff is employed to man the station. These men, all veterans of the

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Around and About the Letterman Scene with the Camera



THE MAN FROM WASHINGTON

Colonel Daniel C. Campbell (left), Deputy Chief, Surgical Consultants Division, Office of the Surgeon General, talks over the Letterman program with Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of Surgery here.



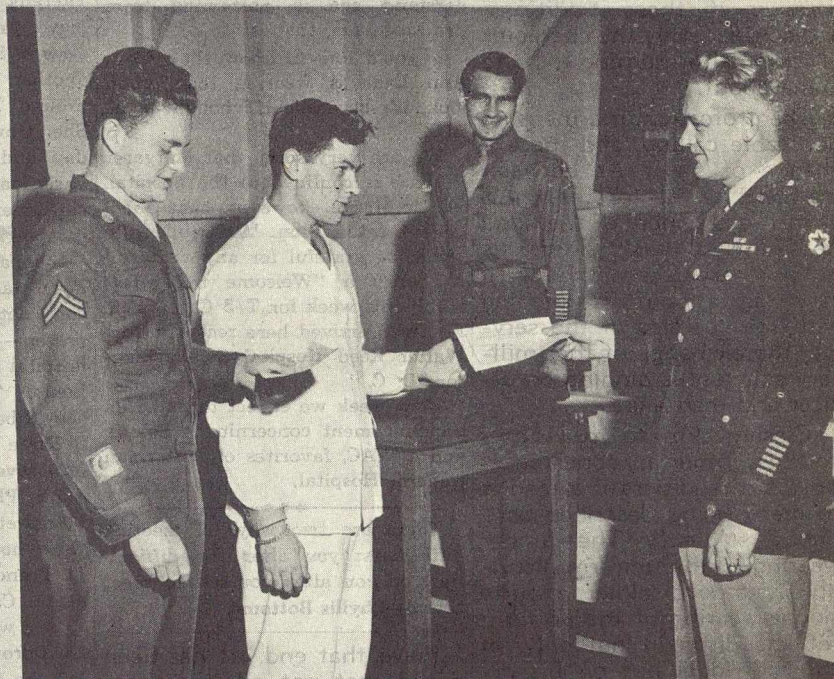
LEGION OF MERIT

Oak Leaf Cluster is presented to Colonel John D. Blair of Orthopedic Section (right) by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman in a ceremony in the Assembly Room at Letterman.



THE CAMERA CLUB

Members and their recent exhibit at the Rec Hall here.



DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Major Wm. G. Whittaker, Director of Training, gives diplomas and honors to highest ranking graduates of Ward Attendants School and Typing Classes. L. to R.: Cpl. Harold M. Voltz, Typing; T/5 Charles W. Hagan, Ward Attendant; Pvt. George Spanski, instructor; Maj. Whittaker.

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EDITORIAL

Military Courtesy

The criterion by which the character of any organization could be fairly estimated has always been the degree of adherence to the best traditions of the service in the matter of military courtesy and the proper wearing of the uniform.

Even in the "new" army the same will hold true but we regret to add that too often in the "new" army there is what appears to be a complete ignorance of those traditions, and consequently the character of the outfit is nothing to write home about.

The profession of arms is an honorable calling, and the exchange of salutes between members of the profession is an outward symbol of the bond between soldiers. There is nothing servile about the military salute, and in keeping with the customs of the service, the exchange of that military courtesy is binding on officer and man alike.

Closely akin to military courtesy is military appearance. Both are requisites if a man is to merit being described as a "good soldier." The proper wearing of the uniform distinguishes a good soldier, and the sloppy wearing of the uniform reflects discredit not only on the individual but on his organization.

It is our aim at Letterman to maintain a good organization and we expect the individual soldiers to co-operate to

WAC

Charlotte Morrison keeps telling us those circles under her eyes are due to working such late hours. Funny thing is, we believe her.

Pat Nacey is still playing "The Cornish Rhapsody." She says everyone must listen to it some time.

Our little Torpy seems a bit confused in this California sunshine. She has a habit of getting into taxis and telling the driver she just wants to go to California. How about that, "Torpedo?"

Aletha Birchfield once liked horses, but not any more. Her latest hobby is taking several youngsters to the Zoo on her day off. Better switch back to horses, Lee, it's not so strenuous. Or is it?

Mary Lynch has been having long discussions about the Statue of Liberty. If you ask her she'll be glad to tell you the origin of the old gal. And why not? Coming from Philadelphia, Pa., Mary would know!

"Red" Grohosky's new nickname is "Wheaties." Wonder why? Perhaps "Red" will explain it.

Kay Coffin is still saying she's not in. What's the matter, Kay? Too many admirers, maybe?

It certainly is good to see "Hank" Zuzga out of the hospital. We understand she is abstaining from drinking—tea, that is.

If you'd like to know the reason Ann Laue is wearing that proud look, it's because SHE bought some LUX.

We are very sorry that Margaret Wallace is confined to the hospital. We feel sure, however, that she'll be out again soon. Meanwhile, she would be grateful for any visitors.

There's a "Welcome to Letterman" this week for T/5 Caroline E. Fix, who arrived here recently from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Next week we expect to make an announcement concerning a Soldier and a WAC, favorites of Letterman General Hospital.

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.—Phyllis Bottome.

achieve that end. It has been noted that not all of us are aware of our aim and we hope that those who have been delinquent will change for the better.

Or else—



A farewell party was given last week by the dietitians for Lt. Dorothy Spain, who is leaving soon to become a civilian. Everyone had a hilarious time. Lieutenant Spain will return to her home in Montana, and says she plans to take a good long vacation.

Lieutenant Eathel A. Newton and Jeanne Peterson of the ANC enjoyed a few days in Carmel recently.

The ANC welcomed a newcomer this week—Lt. Virginia M. Bridgey, who recently returned from overseas duty in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Capt. Mary Katherine Cuppy is in Los Angeles spending a six-day leave, and taking full advantage of the opportunity to wear her recently-acquired civilian clothes. What's more, she's probably acquiring some more of the same.

Lt. Majorie Jo Ferrell of Physical Therapy cheered the football game this week-end at Kezar Stadium.

Capt. Vida Buehler of Physical Therapy is back from her 30-day leave, and reports a wonderful 10 days in Seattle with her family and another wonderful 20 days in and around Los Angeles with friends. She drove back from L.A. in one day, and encountered weather with variations, coming through snow, sunshine, dust storm, rain and—rainbow!

Sympathetic thoughts go to Lt. Pearl Fadoir and Lt. Gladys Compton. Both are on the sick list at present—Lieutenant Fadoir in the hospital and Lieutenant Compton at home. Their friends are hoping they'll be better very soon.

Three members of the ANC are on leave before going overseas—Capt. Philomena Pagano and Lt. Margaret McNamara both went to their homes in Pennsylvania, and Lt. Frances McKay went to La Crescenta, California.

Best wishes for happiness followed Lt. Dorothy Jakobowski when she left the Army Nurse Corps this week to go home to New Britain, Conn. After a visit in the East she plans to return to California to be married, and she and her husband will make their home in Fresno.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 24, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

General and Mrs. Hillman Entertain At Farewell Party

Brigadier General and Mrs. C. C. Hillman entertained at a buffet supper on Friday evening last in the quarters of the commanding general for more than 100 guests. It was in the nature of a farewell gathering for the many friends the Hillmans have made during their stay at Letterman. Assisting the hostess in receiving the guests were Mrs. Lloyd Gomes (Ann Hillman) and Mrs. Garvin F. Shallenberger (Mary Louise Hillman).

In addition to the senior officers on the Letterman staff among the guests were Major General and Mrs. W. L. Lynd, Brigadier General and Mrs. Albert E. Truby, Brigadier General and Mrs. E. L. Butts, Col. and Mrs. B. S. McClintic, Col. and Mrs. Frank Stone, Col. and Mrs. C. W. McMillan, Col. and Mrs. George M. Ekwurzel, Col. and Mrs. W. A. Powell, Col. and Mrs. R. J. Foster, Col. Euclid B. Frick, Col. and Mrs. W. H. Dean, Col. and Mrs. L. R. Poust, Col. and Mrs. H. R. Beery, Col. and Mrs. H. L. Dale, Col. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Col. and Mrs. H. C. Gibner, Major and Mrs. Adolph Gulhus, and Dr. and Mrs. Roderic O'Connor.

The Stork Was Here

To Capt. and Mrs. Jack Ruby, a son, **Jack Grady**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 12 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Irving Ross, a son, **Irving Delbert, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 18 November.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LUCINDA L. WILLARD
Technician Third Grade

The "L" in T/3 Lucinda L. Willard's name stands for Love, and that's not a joke. It really does. And it really means something, because since Cindy has been at Letterman she has fallen in love and in September she was married to the object of her affection, M/Sgt. L. L. Willard, who is at present assigned to duty with the Organized Reserve Corps in Oakland. The romance began when she met him here on the post last May, and they are now living happily ever after, and even have a penthouse apartment, complete with blonde cocker spaniel named Chris.

Chris is so much fun to watch and to play games with that sometimes he even causes the Willards to miss their breakfast, and one day this week Cindy was having brunch at lunchtime, because of Chris being such a time-taker-upper.

Cindy has been in the WAC since May 1945, and came to Letterman after completing her basic training at Des Moines. At present she is in the Detachment of Patients office, but she has had a large variety of assignments since she's been here, including pharmacy, central service, cadre, and WAC orderly room. She is now expecting to be separated in the very near future, but the Army atmosphere will never be far away because she plans to accompany her husband to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will attend OSC. Besides, she comes from a completely Army family. Her father was a colonel in the Medical Corps, her mother was a WAC, her two brothers are in the Army, and her sister is in the Army Nurse Corps, which makes it 100 per cent.

The Willards are full of plans for the future. Already they've started a building fund for a farm they plan to own when Sergeant Willard retires from the Army. "He only has 13 years to go, because he's already

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Prints submitted by two members of the Letterman Camera Club won prizes in radio station KQW's recent contest open to amateur photographers. Nearly 600 prints were submitted in the contest. **Charles Kahman** and **Bert Kopperal** were the two prize winners from Letterman. Kahman received an exposure meter, and Kopperal a subscription to "Minicam" magazine.

The Letterman Main Exchange will close at noon Saturday 23 November for remodeling and inventory, and will reopen Monday at the usual time.

Dean Green of ward 14 really ought to like it in the Army. He's been in for three years, and during that time has been on furlough 227 days. You'll have to ask him how such things happen. People keep saying "Dean Green, he's hardly ever seen!"

Next Thursday is **Thanksgiving** (as if you didn't know!) and Letterman patients will have the traditional turkey dinner with super-duper trimmings. It will be served at noon. In case you're curious as to what will be on the menu besides the turkey, see page 1 of this issue of the Fog Horn.

Albert Smeenk, chief waker-upper for ward C-2, is on furlough this week, thus giving the patients on the ward a chance to sleep a little longer. They keep telling him he doesn't need to bother waking them so early in the morning, but he says he likes to do it. Now they're waiting and hoping for the day when he oversleeps.

On ward D-2 **John Heninger** has fun with his magical spring right along with heading "Principles of Business Law." Of course with reading like that you have to have something amusing on the side, and the spring, which uncoils on the slightest provocation, is it. For a slight fee he loans it out to fellow patients who take it out on the ramp and watch it turn somersaults all by itself. Fun, huh?

John Morone of ward F-2 is already addressing his Christmas

been in the Army 7 years," says Cindy. "Then we'll settle down on the chicken farm. We want it to be near Denver, Colorado." Who says people don't make plans in the atomic age?

cards, the forehanded fellow. If that gets tedious, he goes to the PX and buys a Donald Duck on wheels and brings it back to amuse the ward. John is from New York City, Borough of Queens, and proud of it.

Robert Sneddon of ward C-2 is finding Louis Paul's new novel "Breakdown" absorbing reading. That's the book which has been called a mixture of "The Lost Weekend" and "The Snake Pit." Which should be quite a combination.

Ira Conner of D-2 was reading a whodunit and talking with **Roy Bradley**. Both patients said they enjoy Letterman's Bedside Network, with a radio receiver at each bed.

John Carroll of F-2 has what his fellow patients call a quaint hobby. They say he always wants to be helpful, so he writes to the other fellows' girl friends. Nice guy!

Boyd Holt of Salt Lake City eats peanuts and reads Taylor Caldwell's "This Side of Innocence." Says the book is boring. But get him on the subject of his home town. He doesn't find that boring.

James Swayne of F-2, a detachment man who has been a patient only one day, lost no time in getting started making a Fifth Army insignia. He's got it sketched in and has already begun the hooking process.

George Swindell of Bakersfield, patient on F-2, is making a carved saddle leather purse for a Christmas gift, and from the design it looks as though it would give the lucky girl a very merry Christmas.

Edwin Chick of F-2 is about as far away from home as he can get and still stay in the United States. He's from Maine, but he's been in California three years and likes it, even if 15 months of that time have been spent in hospitals.

Norman Herman of F-2, who says he was an O-H 10 boy (and that's Ohio, I guess you know) is now a Californian because his family has moved to Glendale since he's been in the hospital. So he's in the position of never having been home yet, he says. He's now mulling over what to do with a black diamond he carries around with him. That is, it's diamond-shaped, and it's black. No, it's not coal, it's plastic. Who knows what work of art he may turn out?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



RUSS VIZZI
Private

Alert, determined Private **Russ Vizzi**, though he's just 18, is already well on his way to his major objective in life—becoming a flyer. And if the above-mentioned determination is an indication of the measure of success he'll attain—and it certainly should be—he'll really be heard from one of these days in the field of aviation. He so-loed in a plane when he was 16, and hopes to get his private license to fly while he's here in California.

He enlisted in the Army last June, and was at Camp Polk, Louisiana, before coming to Letterman in October. Here he has been assigned to the Chaplain's office. His home is in Passaic, New Jersey, where his parents and three younger sisters keep wishing he was out of the Army and home again. They wish that so much that his mother and six-year-old sister recently arrived in San Francisco and will stay to spend Thanksgiving with him.

Ever since he was a youngster, Russ has been interested in flying. He used to make and fly model planes, and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol in New Jersey for three years, while he was going to school. He was a 1st Sergeant and Flight Commander in the CAP, and wants to join the San Francisco squadron now that he is here.

Before he entered the Army, Russ went to two flying schools, Saifar Flying School at Teterboro, New Jersey, for land planes, and Lambros Air College, Richfield Park, New Jersey, for sea planes. When he gets out of the Army he intends to go back to air college. He would like to join the Air Corps, "but unfortunately they don't need pilots."

The Regular Army has a proposition for you. Talk it over with the Recruiting Officer.

CIVIL CIRCLES

The following memorandum from Lt. Col. H. C. McCullough, Director of Personnel Division, is of interest to all civilian personnel of Letterman:

"The reduction in force of civilian personnel as ordered by the War Department for this General Hospital has now been completed and no further cuts are contemplated.

"However, all civilian employees now remaining are advised that internal alignment in the hospital may require their transfer from one department to another, depending upon the work-load; this does not reflect on the employee's ability but may be necessary in order to efficiently accomplish the mission of the hospital."

Thirty-seven civilian employees of Letterman were converted to classified status or probational appointment as a result of the examination held in June.

They are:

Margaret W. Arndt, Harriet I. Baken, Elizabeth J. Bennett, Arleen J. Chapman, Henry E. Cleary, Harriet I. Crouch, Olga B. Eilers, Annette B. Fellers, Ethly M. Fenn, Evelyn E. Ford, Rebecca P. Garcia, Charlotte R. Garrett, Clara M. Henriques, Helen L. Hoffman, Gertrude A. Johnson, Mary C. Johnson, Esther W. Kleinclaus, Alta L. Lee, Margaret M. Lerner, Melba L. Long, Helen G. Lund, Elizabeth G. Madrugá, Mary V. McFadden, Bess S. Putnam, Audrey E. Roughton, Lila M. Sanders, Erma M. Scheid, Bunah K. Shaw, Myrtle Siemsen, Bruce A. Skarstad, Gwen O. Skopin, Helen A. Smith, Virginia Lee Smith, Eleanor L. Sorenson, Betty Ann Strunk, Lillian J. Taylor, Alice S. Torgerson.

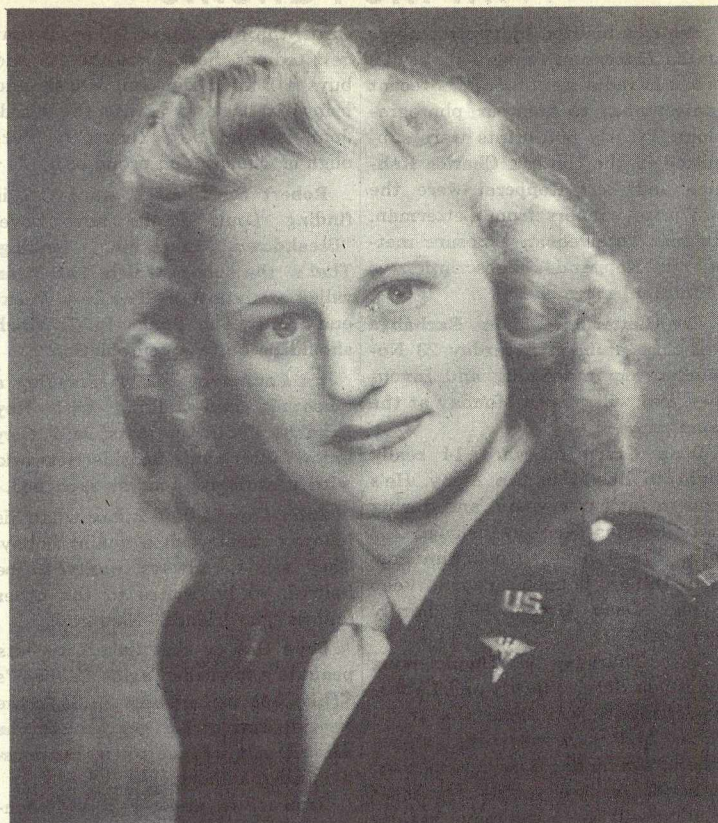
Alice Torgeson of Finance is now an instructor in the typing classes for enlisted personnel.

Arletta Johnson of the PX Grill surprised her friends here this week when she announced her marriage to M/Sgt. David Slater, Sergeant and Mrs. Slater were married last week end in Reno, and their many friends here wish them every happiness.

Bob Cantacessi of the photo lab is vacationing with his wife in the southern part of the state.

Helen Hoffman of Reconditioning says she has a full program lined up for her week's vacation in Burlingame.

WHEN THE NURSE IS THE PATIENT IT REALLY MAKES HER IMPATIENT



Lieutenant ANN ZUNICK, ANC
This picture should be in Technicolor!

Lt. Anne Zunick of the Army Nurse Corps is the kind of blue-eyed honey blonde that gets ohs and ahs wherever she goes, and after she flashes that dazzling smile, complete captivation sets in. Unfortunately for patients who could be getting well under her care, she is now a patient herself.

She is from Prescott, Arizona, and came into the Army in April 1945. Her first station was Fort Lewis, Washington. She asked for and got a transfer to DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, California, so she could be with her sister Frances, who was also in the Army Nurse Corps. After several months at DeWitt, the two Lieutenants Zunick went to Camp Anza, and then to the Philippines. They were in a hospital in Manila, and in another at San Fernando, 200 miles north of Manila. Anne became ill and was sent back to the United States in March, and was a patient at Bushnell General Hospital until it closed, when she came to Letterman.

"I like to nurse, but I don't like to

be nursed," she says, and it makes me feel awful to be sick myself when I was so anxious to help." Originally Anne wanted to be a doctor, and had two years pre-med training at the University of Arizona. She went to St. Joseph's hospital at Phoenix for her nurse's training.

She spends a lot of her time here at the hospital knitting and chocheting and has recently been learning leather work. "I made a leather purse for my mother, and I wasn't very flattered to have her write and ask me if I really made it myself," she says. She enjoys all kinds of sports, but "mostly as a spectator."

Unfortunately for her masculine admirers, Anne has a "reserved" sign, even though it's not visible. The lucky man's name is Al, and he's a professional softball player. Anne has known him since before the war, and was happily surprised to see him unexpectedly in Manila while he was in the Army. He is now back home in Michigan, which both he and Anne think is entirely too far from California.

Big Crowd at Boxing Show at Letterman Gym

Over 500 patients and duty personnel attended the boxing show at Letterman gym Tuesday night.

The semi-main event was a three-round exhibition bout between Vic Grupico and Ray Darrow from Letterman. Vic is another well known professional. In fact Vic is a leading contender for the lightweight championship of the world. Grupico showed wonderful footwork against a game Ray Darrow.

At the end of the second round of this exhibition, announcer Sgt. Les Harvey interrupted the bout to introduce Max Baer, former World Heavyweight Champion. Max received a tremendous ovation as he came up to the microphone. He wisecracked with the audience for about fifteen minutes about his fighting days. Although he said goodbye to everyone and left the mike, he returned in a short time with Maxie Rosenbloom, former light heavyweight champion of the world. Slapsy Maxie took over the mike where Max left off and the audience was firmly convinced that both men are as good showmen as they were once boxers. Before the two left, Baer promised to send several of his past fight pictures to Letterman to be shown in the near future.

The main event of the night was a three round event between Tony Olivera, former bantamweight champion of the world and Hamo Kasarein, who is Olivera's protege. These fellows showed the crowd some of the finest points of boxing. A little extra color was added to this bout because Tony's 4-year-old son acted as a second. After each round Olivera Jr. would take the towel and wipe the sweat from his dad's body.

At the end of the bout Tony stepped to the microphone and spoke in behalf of all the fighters who had come to Letterman to put on the exhibitions. He stated that he considered it an honor to help put on a show for all the people at Letterman and assured the audience that anytime in the future he would be more than glad to participate in another show.

Other men who should be commended for their fine work in making the very successful program possible are Sgt. Les Harvey who was announcer for the evening; Matt Zidich, who did a fine job as referee and Sgt. Hicks, who served as time keeper.

MEDICAL DETACH

Many a goodbye has been heard during the last few weeks. Separation here at the hospital has been going at full speed for several weeks now. Among others we find our 1st Sergent, Calvin Williams, has received his discharge. Our new 1st Sergeant is Ted Wilkison. Anyone who has had any dealings with Sgt. Wilkison knows that he is a swell G. I. Although Sgt. Wilkison has been working in the 1st Sergeant's office all along and is not new here, we still want to extend a hearty welcome to our new boss.

The Letterman Basketball team was host last week to the Vallejo Maritime Academy. The Letterman boys played superb ball and sent the previously undefeated Vallejo team home on the short end of a 46 to 23 score. Chuck Gorman and Marty Malone, the two high scoring forwards, again led the scoring column with 17 and 12 points respectively.

This week the Letterman boys journeyed to Vallejo for a return game and found a much improved Vallejo team. This was perhaps the most exciting game of the season. At half time we found our boys trailing by a score of 24 to 17. Letterman put on a rally during the third and fourth quarters and with only forty seconds remaining in the game, Letterman was leading 39 to 38. A quick basket by Vallejo with only a few seconds remaining proved fatal to Letterman. The final score was of course 40 to 39 in favor of the Vallejo Maritime Academy. Marty Malone led the scoring for Letterman with 13 points and Art Miller was close behind with 12. Chuck Gorman of the Letterman team is recuperating from an operation and was not in the lineup for this game which necessitated excuses for this defeat. They are anxiously awaiting the third and deciding game between the two teams, since each team has only one defeat marring an otherwise perfect record. The third game should really be a battle royal. This game in all probability will be played at the Letterman Gym in the near future so keep your eyes on the bulletin board for the date.

LETTERMAN SAYS A RELUCTANT GOODBYE TO COLONEL MOSELEY



Lieutenant-Colonel VINCE MOSELEY
Leaves to return to civilian life.

One of the latest of our medical officers to join the lengthening line returning to civil life is Lieutenant Colonel Vince Moseley, who was the chief of the officers' section on the medical side of the hospital until 9 November when he began his terminal leave.

Colonel Moseley is among the younger officers who established themselves firmly in the confidence of the thousands of patients who have passed through Letterman in recent months and his separation is accomplished to the regret of all who know him professionally and otherwise.

He is a native of Orangeburg, S. C., and attended Clemson College for two years before moving over to Duke University to complete his college course. He then enrolled at the Duke University Medical School for his professional training. His love for his Alma Mater prompted him to stay at Duke Hospital for his

internship.

Colonel Moseley was ordered to extended active duty on his reserve commission in May 1941 and he was made a regular two years later. He was assigned to a general hospital group in Panama in January 1942 and remained there for 38 months before returning to the United States and Wakeman General Hospital. He joined the Letterman staff in October 1945 and served at the Dante Annex until it was closed.

In 1938 the colonel was married to Miss Tillie Holleman, of Durham, N. C. and they have two children, Dwight 4, and Julia 2½ years old. He will return to Durham to establish a private practice and has plans of association with the Duke University Medical School.

In the opinion of Brig. General Wallace De Witt, former commanding general of Letterman, Colonel Moseley is "tops" among the younger medical officers.

We concur.

Diplomas Awarded by Maj. Whittaker to 31 Detachment Men

Diplomas were awarded this week by Major William W. Whittaker, Director of Training, to 21 men of the detachment who completed the ward attendants' course, and to 10 men who completed the class in advanced typing and military correspondence.

Special honors were bestowed on the man in each class who had the highest grades. Cpl. Harold Voltz, whose average was 94.3, received honors in the typing class, and T/5 Charles W. Hagan, with an average of 87.2, received them for his work in the ward attendants' course.

Those who were graduated from the ward attendants' course were:

G. N. Adamson, J. Anderson, M. J. Chiochetti, A. J. Dupre, H. R. Ellwood, L. J. Giest, R. H. Hargrove, C. W. Hagan, W. T. Mahoney, E. R. Morris, M. Medley, J. L. Miller, Jr., J. F. Musumeci, F. W. Nickels, W. Richardson, N. Sardowski, J. U. Shockley, T. Seig, W. C. Walsh, C. W. Yager, E. S. Kendirck.

The following were graduated from the typing class:

Harold N. Voltz, Neil M. Mould, James M. Donnelley, Jim D. Laminack, Jimmy D. Barlow, Henry W. Obojski, Billy J. Seale, Harvey C. Barbin, Jr., Gustave F. Broders, Ralph R. Langner.

MORE ABOUT COLONEL BLAIR

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"He was of the greatest assistance in the subsequent efficient assumption of supply jurisdiction for all southern Japan and the formulation of procedures for the establishment of an independent overseas supply agency, and initiated a conspicuously effective railway cargo control plan.

"He was instrumental in the efficient absorption of United States Army Service Command C by Eighth Army and rendered exceptional assistance to the Army G-4 in the prosecution of the supply mission. Through his outstanding capacity, resourcefulness and unremitting devotion to duty, Colonel Blair made a noteworthy contribution in the efficient logistical support of the occupation of Japan."

May Use Terminal Leave Bonds as Insurance Payment

Veterans who wish to use their terminal leave bonds as payment on their National Service or U. S. Government Life Insurance may now get the necessary assignment forms from their nearest VA office, the Veterans Administration announced this week.

Qualified VA employees are on hand in all VA offices to assist veterans in assigning their bonds and to give them up-to-date information regarding their GI insurance.

Although VA does not issue terminal leave bonds, the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 authorized VA to accept the bonds in connection with Government life insurance payments.

The bonds may be used as follows:

1. To pay premiums on insurance already in force.
2. To purchase new insurance.
3. To reinstate lapsed insurance.
4. To pay the amount required when converting to permanent insurance policies.
5. To repay loans made prior to July 31, 1946.

When a bond is used for insurance premium payments, VA said, any balance above the amount necessary to make the desired payments will be credited to the veteran's account and will be used for the purpose of future premium payments. However, the veteran can specifically request that the balance be held until the maturity date of the bond, at which time it will be refunded in cash without interest.

When the veteran assigns his bonds he will receive credit for its face value plus interest accruing up to the end of the month in which the assignment is made.

Under the law, a veteran cannot indirectly cash his bonds now by investing them in insurance and then cashing his policy.

Assignment of the bonds will not increase a policy's cash value until the bonds have matured.

Are You Listening?

A daily broadcast of "The Music of the Masters" comes over Letterman's radio station KLGH from 2 to 3 p. m. Monday through Friday. The music played is from the collection of Sgt. Harry Wagner, who owns 22,000 records, valued at \$45,000.

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1946

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

At this season, when the year is drawing to a close, tradition suggests and our hearts require that we render humble devotion to Almighty God for the mercies bestowed upon us by His goodness.

Devoutly grateful to Divine Providence for the richness of our endowment and the many blessings received, may we continue to give a good account of our stewardship by utilizing our resources in the service of mankind. May we have the vision and courage to accept and discharge honorably the responsibilities inherent in our strength by consecrating ourselves to the attainment of a better world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1946, as a day of national thanksgiving, and I call upon the people of this Nation to observe that day by offering thanks to God for the bounties vouchsafed us, and by rededicating ourselves to the preservation of the "Blessings of Liberty" envisaged by our forefathers in the preamble to the Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

By the President:

JAMES F. BYRNES,
Secretary of State.

MORE ABOUT BEDSIDE NETWORK

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war as well as of civilian broadcasting, understand their responsibility. Participation by the patients in the operation and programming of the station is encouraged. From among the Letterman patients has come a number of talented men who have demonstrated their ability as showmen and engineers. These men are not only contributing to the entertainment of their fellow patients but are also gaining valuable experience for their future.

"A quick look at the daily program schedule of the station reveals many locally produced programs which have a specific purpose. For example: The Roving Mikeman interviews patients around the hospital and gets their views on current events, sports and general affairs.

"Since most of the patients soon become avid readers, the program 'Adventures in Reading' keeps them posted on the books available in Letterman's large library.

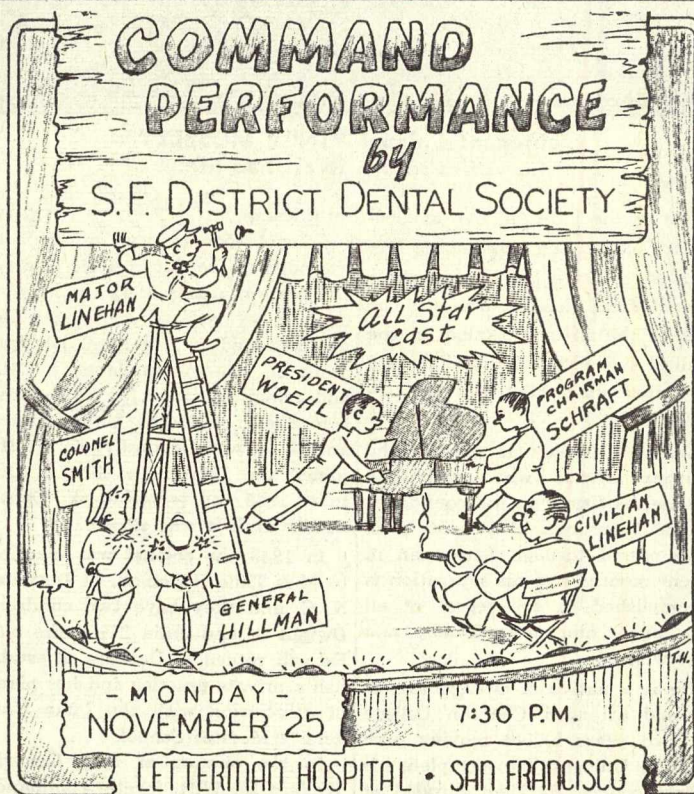
"With an eye to the future, the program 'Your Job Tomorrow' gives a thumbnail sketch of job requirements and jobs available in specific fields.

"Those planning to return to school are advised about the schools still accepting applications on the program 'College Catalog of the Air.'

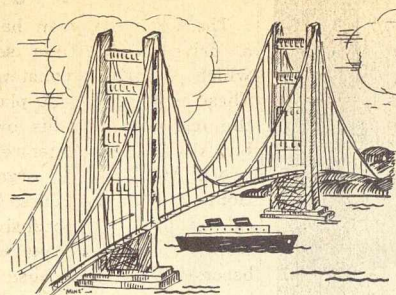
"Since sports have a high interest value, complete coverage is given to all sporting events taking place around the Bay Area as well as sports in general.

"The Bedside Network has commercials, too. They sell the patient on the Veterans Administration, National Life Insurance, the facilities available to him in the hospital, such as the gymnasium, occupational therapy, physical and educational reconditioning, and other features of a purely service nature. The commercials sell nothing but service.

"During and since the war, special programs were conceived and produced at the AFFRS headquarters in Los Angeles. Stars of the stage, screen, radio, opera and concert world contributed their talents for these shows. According to George Murphy, president of the Hollywood Coordinating Committee, this service by the people of the entertainment world will continue as long as there are American service people overseas and in the hospitals of the United States."



The San Francisco Dental Society will hold a one-night convention at Letterman on Monday evening, November 25, at 7:30 p. m. Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman and Col. Boyd L. Smith will be hosts of the evening.



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Letterman is Host To San Francisco Dental Society

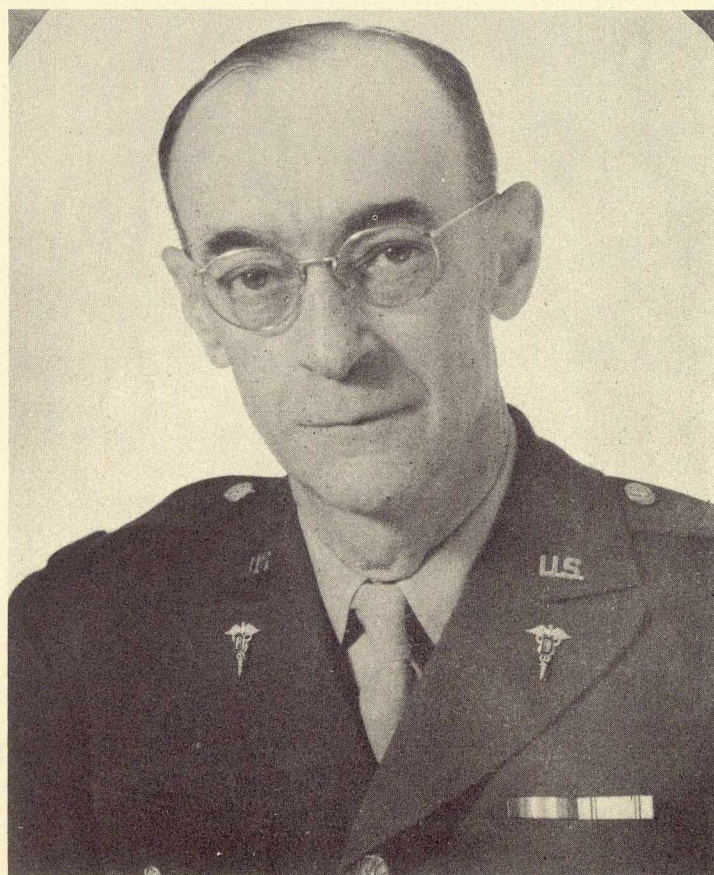
The San Francisco District Dental Society turned the monthly meeting into a "one day convention" on Monday evening of this week when General Hillman extended an invitation to use the facilities of Letterman for the occasion.

A brief business session was held prior to the tour of the clinics and after the meeting had been opened with prayer by the post chaplain the commanding general was introduced to the audience and he addressed a few words of welcome to the visitors.

The clinicians for the evening were then presented to the meeting and each outlined the topic to be treated in his clinic. In appreciation of their services to the society the clinicians were next presented with certificates signed by the commanding general.

The guests adjourned to the five separate clinics for the professional part of the program, and in these Dr. Frank Inskipp and Dr. C. O. Olson spoke on operative procedures, Dr. Jack Warner lectured on prosthetics, Dr. Devlin described oral surgery technique, and Dr. Wendel Wyler quoted cases in orthodontia.

At the conclusion of the clinical conferences Dr. R. O. Schraft, Chairman of the entertainment committee, announced refreshments in the mess hall where Major Thomas C. Ward, Letterman Mess Officer, had prepared two smorgasbord tables filled with the usual cold cuts and embellishments. Approximately three hundred sat down to enjoy the social aspect of the program.



Colonel BOYD L. SMITH, D. C.
Chief of the Dental Service, who was the co-host with the Commanding General at the one-day convention held by the San Francisco District Dental Society here on Monday evening.

Colonel Boyd L. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service at Letterman, had the co-operation of his entire staff, professional and technical, in making the arrangements and deserved commendation for the successful gathering. Several former officers, one time Lettermanites, were on hand to make it a re-union with other members of the staff.

The President of the society, Dr. Harry J. Woehl, expressed the thanks of the society for the courtesies of the evening with a special mention for the dietitians who had planned the menu.

This was the second meeting of the San Francisco District Dental Society held at Letterman in recent years.

General Hillman is Guest of Honor at S. F. Press Club

The San Francisco Press Club last week paid a signal tribute to Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, our commanding general, when he was the guest of honor at the Friday evening "Gang Dinner."

The Press Club is known throughout the world for its hospitality to newspaper men and the reputation of the "Gang Dinner" tradition is equally famous. The guest of honor at these functions is always a man of prominence and the great of the world have broken bread over the tables. It is one affair where the guest speakers may express their thoughts freely and without fear of being quoted in the public prints.

The mascot of the club—the black cat "Tombstone" — in everlasting ebony, the work of famed Benny Bufano, reposes before the speakers during the dinner and everything said "Behind the Black Cat" is completely "off the record" and the audience understands the obligation of imitating the perennial silence of the mascot.

Despite the inclement weather of the evening a good crowd turned out to participate in the farewell to General Hillman. During his tour as commanding general at Letterman the general has maintained the most cordial relations with the gentlemen of the Fourth Estate as well as the representatives of the radio stations in the community. He has frequently sat on the floor as a member of the club and joined in tribute to the visitors.

Mr. Howard Freeman, Chairman of the "Gang Dinner" committee, voiced the sentiments of the club when he expressed the appreciation of the working press for the co-

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CIVIL CIRCLES

Wedding bells rang in Monterey last Saturday, 23 November, for Marjorie Jones of Information Center and Paul Hecht, who was formerly on duty here at Letterman. After a honeymoon in Carmel, Mr. and Mrs. Hecht will make their home in San Francisco. Their many friends at Letterman wish them much happiness.

Among the lucky spectators who traveled across the Bay to witness the Stanford-California game last Saturday were Virginia Lee Smith, Marian Amberg Breach and Gilbert Grady of Military Personnel office. Gilbert would like to have it known that if anyone has extra East-West football tickets he would like first chance at them.

The men in Pharmacy were able to return to duty Friday, in spite of consuming as much as possible of the Thanksgiving bird. Richard Vowels spent the day with his family in Los Gatos; Al Valenti journey to Redwood City, and Joe Shick ate his fill right here in San Francisco.

"Lucky" is the name of the field spaniel who has come as a permanent guest to the home of Stella Jackson of the laboratory. Lucky likes to supplement his diet with things he finds around the house, and the latest find on his menu was two pairs of kid gloves. In spite of which Stella still loves him.

"Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer" was no doubt the song Warren Conlin thought about as he flew back from New York last week. Reason: Due to difficulties the plane was grounded and the last lap of the trip was made by train.

A "Welcome to Letterman" to Caroline Brophy, newly-assigned to Officers' Separation Section. Recently returned to California after two years in Alaska, Caroline has a fresh appreciation for such things as mild weather, gadget-filled drug stores, brand-new movies and palm trees.

Gloria Crisafulli is the name of the attractive brunette who recently transferred to Military Personnel Section from the Hospital Train Unit.

John Schutz of the photo lab is spending the Thanksgiving weekend in Los Angeles, and "Rumors Are Flying" as to whether he'll return a bachelor or a benedict.

NATALIE BROWN IS NOT TWINS—JUST A GIRL WHO GETS AROUND



Miss NATALIE BROWN
Aide to social service workers—and a lot of help, too.

Looking out the "Sanctum" window one day not long ago we spotted Miss Natalie Brown walking east toward the Lombard Street gate. Just a few seconds later we happened to be in the Post Exchange and a girl who looked strangely like Miss Natalie Brown was making a purchase for a patient. "They must be identical twins," we thought, and immediately sensed a story for the paper.

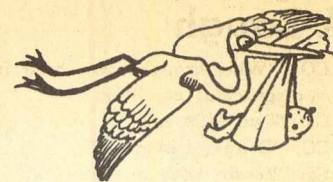
One of our reporters was given the assignment and soon came back with the news that we had only one Natalie Brown hereabouts and she is one of the aides to the social workers on the Red Cross staff. The next step was to get another look at Natalie and perhaps learn how it is that she comes near to being ubiquitous. The young lady was diffident on questioning, even blushed prettily, at our query on how she manages to be so many places at the same time. It finally came from one of our patients, "That girl sure gets around this place" and we had to settle for that.

Perhaps one of the reasons Miss Brown knows her way around the hospital so well is that she was born in one, in Dante Hospital, to be specific. That makes her a native

daughter of San Francisco and she enhanced her status by graduating from Lowell High—the alma mater of many famous citizens in this community. To top off the native angle she went to the University of California.

Last week the annual "Big Game" was played over at Berkeley—where the University of California is located — and everyone and his brother tried to squeeze into the stadium. That contest presented a problem to Natalie's mother. Brother went to Stanford and Nat took her course at "Cal." On what side of the stadium would mother sit? The young lady solved that problem at once—mother would have to sit in the end zone where thousands kept her company. If you think the final score—Stanford 25, California 6—had Natalie down, you should get to know her better.

What does Natalie do but get around? Well, in her capacity as aide to the social workers she helps out with housing, transportation, filing pension claims, and assists with patients' families. That program means covering a lot of territory and no grass has time to grow under her feet. The facility with which she accomplishes her



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Irving Ross, a boy, **Irving Delbert, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 18 November.

To Major and Mrs. Holmes A. Jones, a girl, **Della Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 21 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richmond F. Howard, a girl, **Marian Barbara**, weight 7 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 22 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Glenn Bercot, a girl, **Annette Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 24 November.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dwight E. Bonin, a girl, **Mary Anne**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 24 November.

Civil Service Examinations Are Announced

Examinations for probational civil service appointments have been announced for the positions of Examiner Trainee, Field Examiner, Junior Professional Assistant and a variety of Forestry positions. Closing date for forestry applications is 10 December; for the other positions the closing date is 3 December.

Salaries are as follows: Examiner Trainee, \$2,644 yearly; Field Examiner, \$3,397 to \$5,905; Junior Professional Assistant, \$2,644; Forestry, \$3,397 to \$7,102.

Announcement has also been made of examinations for saw filer, \$1.27 to \$1.52 per hour, and typewriter repairman, \$1.21 to \$1.38 per hour. Applications for these examinations must be in not later than December 2.

Complete details may be obtained from Civilian Personnel Branch, Room 221, Administration Building, Letterman.

assignment and her gracious personality have made her a prime factor among the patients.

We asked Sam Harrison if he concurred in describing Miss Brown as "Ubiquitous." He looked puzzled for a moment, and whispered "If that's 'good' then she's tops."

Anything For A Laugh

CO: "Who brought you here in this disgraceful condition?"

GI: "Two MPs, sir."

CO: "Drunk, I suppose?"

GI: "Yessir, both of them."

Cpl.: I'm going to see the Doc about my wife. I don't like the way she looks."

Pvt.: "I'll go along. I don't like the looks of mine either."

"How was your furlough?"

"Good."

"Feel any change?"

"Not a penny."

She: "You'd better watch your arm."

He: "Oh, I'm not worried about it—it knows its way around."

"Got a pen I can borrow?"

"Sure thing, pal."

"Got some paper?"

"Yeah."

"Going past the mail box when you go?"

"Yup."

"Willya wait till I finish this letter?"

"Okay."

"Lend me an air mail stamp, willya?"

"Sure."

"By the way, what's your girl's address?"

Ex-SM2/c: "Could I try on that suit in the window?"

Clerk: "We'd much rather you used the dressing room."

The farmer whose pig was killed by an automobile was cussing and raving wildly.

"Don't worry," said the motorist, trying to pacify the bereaved owner. "I'll replace your pig."

"You can't," shouted the farmer, "you ain't fat enough."

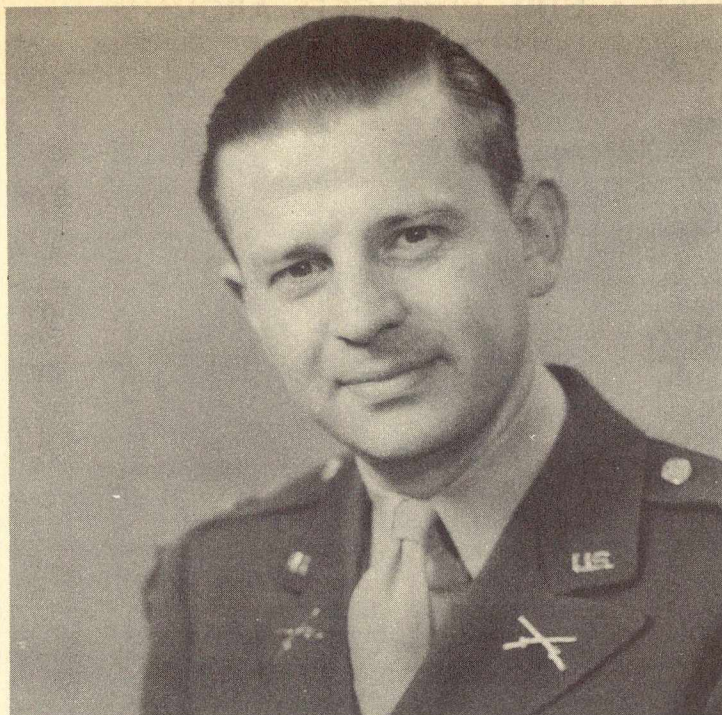
Husband: "Darling, don't you think you're extravagant? You've had four electric fans running all day."

Wife: "I wouldn't worry about it if I were you, dear. They're not our fans. I borrowed them from the neighbors."

Hubby: "Some day, beloved, I shall die and leave you."

She (tenderly): "How much?"

NEW HEAD OF BAY AREA EXCHANGE SERVED IN CBI WITH GEN. STILWELL



Lt. Col. WENZEL D. ROTH
Heads 62-outlet Bay Area Exchange

He's been in charge of the Bay Area Exchange only a month, and already the Main Post Exchange at Letterman looks like a different place because of the remodeling for which Lt. Col. Wenzel D. Roth is responsible. How he manages the paradox of making the store look more spacious while still tucking in an extra department and giving more storage space to already existing sections must be a Roth specialty.

The Bay Area Exchange includes the PX facilities at Letterman, the Presidio, Fort Mason and Fort Scott, with the satellite stations at Fort Barry, Fort Baker and Fort Funston. These add up to 62 outlets, comprising PX, restaurants, tap rooms and bowling alleys. At present the personnel employed in the 62 outlets totals 360.

Before his present assignment, Colonel Roth was executive officer of G-4, Sixth Army. He enlisted in the Army in 1940, coming in from the reserves as a lieutenant, having served in the R.O.T.C. before taking his degree at Syracuse University. He has made a specialty of supply, and served as company supply officer with the 3rd Armored Division at Fort Benning, Ga., and as battalion supply officer with 3rd Armored

Division when it was activated at Camp Polk, La. He attended Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, and was then assigned as G-4 with the 7th Armored Division.

He was a member of General Stilwell's staff in the China-Burma-India theatre, where he was G-4 Chief of Supply and Evacuation, spending two years in Delhi, India and Chungking, China. Of that time he says "I wouldn't take a million for the experience, but I wouldn't take two million to go back."

Colonel Roth's family, who remained at their home in Rochester, N. Y., while he was overseas, joined him here this summer, and he and his wife, Florence, and their two children, Dorothy, 14, and David, 12, now make their home here on the post.

Speaking of the Letterman PX remodeling work, Colonel Roth paid a special tribute to the employees who "worked so well and so long over the week-end to get the moving done and the inventory out of the way." And with an eye on the advertising angle, he reminds customers that "there are a lot of nice Christmas gifts in stock now."

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Veterans of World War II who are working full time and would like to continue their educations with correspondence courses may do so through the GI Bill and the Veterans Administration.

Any veteran who is eligible for education is also qualified to take one or more correspondence courses.

Application can be made in person or by mail at the nearest VA office, where information regarding approved schools and courses is available.

Time spent in studying by correspondence consumes only one quarter of a veteran's education entitlement. However, if such study gives college or university credit and the veteran is enrolled for six or more credit units, one-half of the time spent in completing the courses will be charged against his entitlement.

For example, if a veteran who is entitled to three years of education spends one year completing a correspondence course, he will have used only three months of his education entitlement—one quarter of the time used to finish the course.

If the veteran should take two courses from the University of California that give three credits each and require four months to complete, two months will be charged against his entitlement—one half of the time spent on the courses.

VA will pay up to \$500 for the complete cost of all correspondence work taken, including equipment that is normally required. In no case will a subsistence allowance be paid.

Whatever education entitlement is left over when the veteran has finished his correspondence courses may be used for any other type of approved educational pursuit, including on-the-job training.

A veteran may enroll for a supplemental correspondence course while taking on-the-job training if he is unable to attend similar classes operated by local schools.

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Question: Do I have to take a physical examination to reinstate my GI insurance?

Answer: No. A physical examination may not be necessary if you apply for reinstatement before February 1, 1947, or within six months after your policy lapsed—whichever is later.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

VETLEGGERS

One of the new words coming into frequent use in the post-war era is "Vetlegger" and it has the same sinister significance which attached to the bootlegger of the post-war era following World War I.

A "vetlegger" is a veteran who abuses the privileges a grateful nation is extending to the men who bore the brunt of battle. He is a mean man who takes advantage of his privileged status to acquire critical items and in turn disposes of the same to his financial advantage. Too often he is in conspiracy with dealers who make an exorbitant profit after paying a trifle to the veteran who has been the stooge of the transaction.

In this community one of the automobile companies has been generous enough to give a priority in the purchase of a new automobile to any veteran who is physically handicapped and can produce a surgeon's certificate to that effect. This certainly is a decided advantage for the veteran over the thousands of people who would like to buy a new car but must wait their turn on a long list of waiting ones.

We regret to admit that we have found "vetleggers" in our midst. Men who have availed themselves of the courtesy shown by the auto company and turned that courtesy into a source of personal profit by reselling the automobile at a

WAC

The wedding bells will soon be ringing for Al Vendouris and his gal. He returned from Los Angeles with a lovely ring for Christine McConnell.

Have you heard of "Ye Olde Coffee Shop"—well, Aggie Perssons really started something in Barracks 212. Last Sunday morning she provided rolls and coffee for the sleepy heads . . . thank you, Aggie.

What's this about Audrey Gordon . . . that dreamy eyed gal is awaiting the man with the seven league boots to span the distance from the East coast.

Viola Hockings is just discovering that it's "Quality that counts" and not "Quantity"—at least "Quality" is the title of her book.

"Venus de Milo" in the form of Rose Ruscak has the key to perpetual youth . . . formula? . . . "one, two, three, four" . . .

May Esani is having her troubles . . . "Oh! Brother! . . . between her dental appointments and tracking down her civilian clothes Mae is v-e-r-y busy.

Thanksgiving holds more than a Turkey for Elsie Gaylord . . . it holds a man in the offing . . . so that accounts for her three-day pass.

Alas, Alack, Dotty Bennett "a lady to the very core must be" . . . because she wears no slacks to class.

Emma Ghormley has been quite fond of our day-room . . . it couldn't be the furniture, could it?

Katherine Hoettinger is in a dither these days . . . what have the Quakers got that San Francisco lacks? . . . Have a nice furlough, Kay.

That little black dog, "Rex," belongs to Opal Glenn. It seems he's a thinker . . . anyway, he is always scratching.

Elsie Lepitre is confined to ward P-1 . . . let's remember to drop in and say "Hello."

price far beyond that paid.

We are ashamed of the "vetleggers" in our midst and we hope the force of public opinion prevalent among our honest veterans will shame the men who bring the veteran into disrepute by such conduct.

We would like to see the "vetleggers" vamoose—but fast.



A really big exodus from the Army Nurse Corps is under way, with 21 nurses getting ready for separation. A farewell party was given for the departees on Tuesday evening in the Nurses' Recreation Room. The following members of the ANC are the ones returning to civilian pastimes: 1st Lieutenants Margene Brown, Harriet E. Finch, Yoyce C. Saindon, Lois M. Bergendorff, Margaret M. Fenley, Mary E. O'Connor, Leila R. Plaster, and 2nd Lieutenants Eileen F. Doyle, Ruth M. Tuckfield, Esther Wieland, Thessal L. Rice, Helen B. Conrad, Helen Hynds, Virginia Jackson, June Paddock, Mary Mueller, Florence Hayes, Mary Hayward, Jeanne Peterson, Phyllis I. Raymond and Marjorie Heaser. They go forth with lots of good wishes for good luck from their friends at Letterman.

Lt. Ann Malone and Lt. Mary Holke of the dietitians staff went to the Ballet Russe Sunday evening, and report that they enjoyed it very much. They deny the rumor that after seeing the ballet they go home and practice the routines, it says here.

First Lieutenant Wanda J. Parke-wicz, ANC, will take the place of 1st Lieutenant Theda T. Reed in the group headed for overseas assignment in Japan.

There was a "Welcome to Letterman" this week for Lt. Virginia A. Potter of Morrison, Illinois, who returned to the Army Nurse Corps after a civilian interlude.

Best wishes for happiness go to Lt. Naoma Yoho, ANC, for whom wedding bells will ring Saturday, November 20. She will become the bride of Sgt. George Miller of Pasadena, in a quiet ceremony in Reno. When Sergeant and Mrs. Miller both become civilians, they will make their home in Chicago, the sergeant's home town.

Congratulations to 1st Lieutenant Gladys I. Compton, ANC, who this week received a promotion from 2nd to 1st lieutenant.

ATTENTION ALL WACS . . . Hats and proper uniforms or else—!

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 1, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

General Bliss is Making Inspection Tour of Europe

Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Deputy Surgeon General, will complete his world-wide survey of Army medical installations when he returns to the United States after a six weeks tour of inspection in Europe.

General Bliss left last week for Le Havre, France, where he will be met by Brigadier General Edward A. Noyes, Chief Surgeon, European Theater of Operations. From France both officers plan to go to England before completing their tour of the European mainland and the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Last year General Bliss inspected all Army medical facilities in the Pacific Theater. And last spring he returned to Bikini for the first atomic bomb test in Operation Crossroads.

Gallops Up & Out

First Lieutenant James C. Gallops has been the recipient of congratulations on all sides, this following his elevation to that rank. He has been at Letterman for all of his commissioned service and has done a good job wherever assigned. For the past year he has been the Registrar for the command and he headed a smooth-working organization.

Right on top of the promotion came an alert for overseas, followed immediately by orders for duty in Alaska. He will take a leave of absence beginning next week before saying final au revoir to Letterman.

The good wishes of everyone will accompany him to his new station.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELIZABETH L. KIRBY
Technician Fifth Grade

Mostly they call her "Tip," but her name as signed on the dotted line is Corporal Elizabeth Louise Kirby, and she's from Syracuse, N. Y. She came to Letterman in September from O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, and was assigned to the print shop in Occupational Therapy Section.

Tip joined the WAC in 1945, and was sworn in on V-J Day, making it a double celebration for her. Although at one time she intended to join the WAVES, she says she is now "strictly an Army girl." She went to Des Moines for her basic training, and was in what was known as the "baby company" of trainees, so called because it was the last company trained there. When her training was completed, she was assigned to Separation Center at Des Moines, and remained there five months.

Her next assignment was O'Reilly General Hospital, and after working first as a secretary in Physical Therapy and then as wardmaster, she asked for reassignment, and finally got the kind of assignment she had been hoping for all along—a writing job. She worked in Public Relations and helped edit the hospital paper, the "O'Reilly Shamrock." Not only did she write for it, she did the press work, running it through the press in the hospital print shop after the material had been set on the linotype. Before entering the Army, she had a year at Syracuse University, where she took journalism courses, which gave her the necessary background for her work on the "Shamrock."

When Tip gets out of the Army next June, she intends to go back and finish college, going on with her journalism training. Just now she's planning on attending the

"Generals Die in Bed" Myth Exploded

By Camp Newspaper Service

Belying the adage that "generals die in bed," a recent check of War Department statistics published in the N. Y. Herald Tribune revealed that during World War II, 26 general officers were killed in action or died of wounds, 41 others were killed in accidents or died on duty and casualties of all types among top ranking Army officers totalled 113. The fatality rate among generals was more than 4.47 per cent, compared to the over-all death and missing rate of 2.98 per cent.

The over-all rate was computed on ten-million men and women mobilized in the Army between May 27, 1941, and Jan. 31, 1946, while the percentage for general officers was based on a peak war-time strength of 1,541.

The War Department lists as killed in action during World War II three lieutenant generals, two major generals and 19 brigadier generals, as well as a major general and a brigadier general who died of wounds received in action.

In line of duty, 41 others died. Airplane accidents took the lives of a lieutenant general, six major generals and six brigadier generals. A full four-star general (George S. Patton), a lieutenant general, four major generals and 22 brigadier generals were killed

in other accidents or died in the line of duty. One brigadier general still is carried on War Department books as "missing in action." Of the 19 other generals who were captured by the enemy, largely in the Philippines, one died as a prisoner of war.

Personal leadership in the past war was emphasized by physical fitness and youth for combat generals. More than half of the combat generals were under fifty years of age, with an even greater emphasis on youth in the Air Forces. When appointed brigadier generals, at least two Air Force commanders had not reached their 30th birthdays. Many were under forty. In 1943 the average age of division commanders was 52, compared to an average age of 55 in World War I.

The total number of generals serving in World War II was 1,859, a figure 318 more than the peak of general officer strength. The major share of those who failed to finish the war on their jobs were retired for age and physical disabilities. Others reverted to permanent rank because of lack of vacancies.

General officer strength in World War I was 424, a little more than one-fourth of the past war's total. One general, Brig. Gen. Edward Sigerfoos, was among the first World War's 126,000 casualties.

University of Wisconsin, at Madison. This writing business is somewhat of a family addiction. Tip's brother, formerly in the Marine Corps, has had articles published in "Science Digest" and the "Woman's Home Companion."

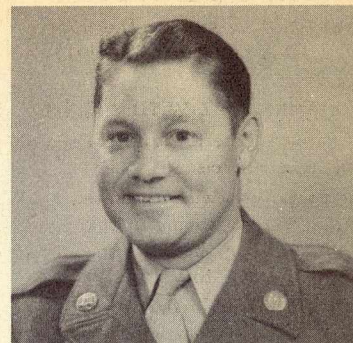
Tip likes to travel, enjoys meeting new people, and says she has made some wonderful friends since she's been in the WAC. For pastimes she likes everything from concerts to fishing, with tennis, ping-pong and bowling included.



"We had some left over, Sir!"

Ft. Lewis "Flame"

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CECIL J. BREWER
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Cecil J. Brewer (J for Jerry) enlisted in the Army six years ago, in September 1940, and he's found that "there's something about the Army," because after getting out on points last December, he tried out civilian life for a month, but came back to Army life again.

His assignment at Letterman is fine, except for one thing, Jerry says. Geographically, the hospital isn't in the right spot for him. The reason for this is that his heart is on the East Coast, with a girl named Roberta Cooper. You really can't blame a man for wanting to have his herat in the right place.

Jerry's home is in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and after enlistment, he went to Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for his basic training. He was then sent to the Station Hospital at West Point Military Academy, where he was stationed from January 1941 to November 1945. Then he became a patient himself, at Rhodes General Hospital, Utica, N. Y. Discharged at Fort Dix, N. J., in December, he re-enlisted in January at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Then came that 90-day furlough. "Most of the time I just went fishing," he says. He also enjoyed a family reunion with his parents and his four brothers and two sisters. "It was the first time we'd all been together in ten years, and it was really great."

Jerry came to Letterman in April 1946, after a brief time at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was formerly wardmaster on E-1, is now assigned to the dressing room on B-1. He expects to get out of the Army next June, and may re-enlist. If he does, he hopes to get an assignment in the East or in the European Theatre.

Main PX Remodeled and Reopened All in One Week End

The customers in the Main PX at Letterman did more than just buy this week. They stood around and made admiring comments about the newly remodeled store. Glittering new showcases, the new Toy Department, and the Hobby Shop's new location, plus a re-arrangement of floor space which manages to give the illusion of much more room than before, makes it a pleasure to indulge in that favorite occupation of patients and duty personnel—shopping at the PX.

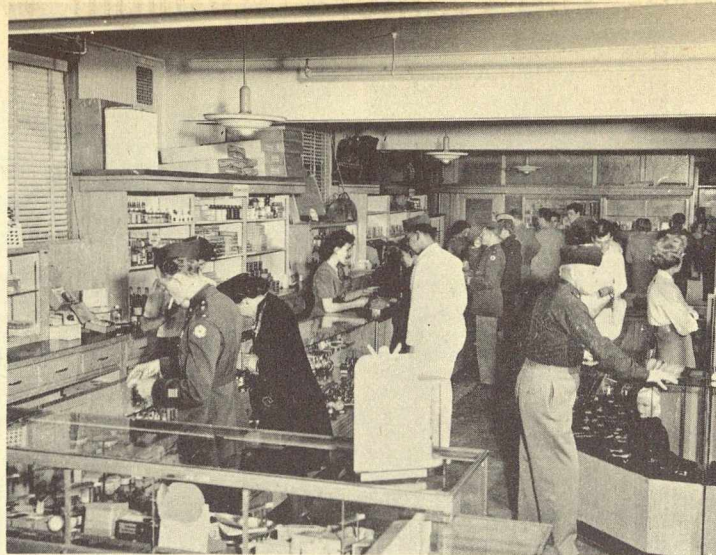
The prescription for the change was concocted by Lt. Col. Wenzel D. Roth, head of the Bay Area Exchange. He says he "went into a huddle" with Manager William (Mark) Henderson and store manager Mrs. Alice Thompson, armed with a floor plan drawn to scale, and together they worked out the details of the remodeling. They moved the PX equipment around—on paper—until they had the best location for all departments. They paid special attention to locating the Hobby Shop where storage space was available. The Hobby Shop has so many small items that in its former spot it was almost necessary for the sales personnel to wade knee deep in stock behind the counter.

Letterman is particularly proud of the Hobby Shop. It is the only Hobby Shop in the 62 outlets of the Bay Area Exchange, and is one of the very few in military installations throughout the United States. Its sales have increased steadily during the months of its existence, and last month they amounted to over \$9000.

Among the items stocked by the Hobby Shop are materials for leathercraft, for model planes, trains, ships—including sailing ships, P-T boats, speedboats, tankers and submarines. You can even make a model cable car, if you're an ardent San Franciscan. The shop is also getting in a stock of raw silver for jewelry.

The Toy Department is getting a lot of attention right now, with the Christmas holidays in the offing. Rows of dolls, in all sizes and a wide variety of costumes, line the shelves, along with stuffed animals that beg to be put under the Christmas tree. There are doll houses, guns, scooters, games, books—all the things that get put on the youngsters' lists for Santa Claus.

The Jewelry cases glitter with crystal and silver and pearls. The newest in costume jewelry is there,



NEW SHOWCASES

In the Main PX make it easy for customers to stock up on the three "Cs" they're buying here—cosmetics, compacts and cigarettes.



THE HOBBY SHOP

In the newly-remodeled Main PX has the corner by the front door, with a well-stocked storeroom for reserves.

along with compacts, cigarette cases, and watches for both masculine and feminine wrists. There are earrings for both pierced ears and ears au naturel.

There are purses for day or evening wear. There is lingerie and handkerchiefs, and on the practical side, umbrellas and raincoats. There is good-looking luggage.

The Stationery department, along with what's new in note paper, has an extra-special selection of Christmas cards, as well as those piles of

shiny new magazines.

In the Drug Section there's a fine array of cosmetics, with enough selection to please the most discriminating.

The Cigarette Section has a new showcase that makes cigarette dispensing faster than ever, and right around the corner the Candy Section boasts shelves on which to display the fast-selling wares.

Still doing business at the old stand, and as popular as ever, is the fountain, where daily gallons of

coffee and coke and ice cream do their part to make conversation seem more interesting.

Monday of this week was inventory day, but personnel of the Main PX got both remodeling activities and inventory out of the way over the week end, and was thus the only Letterman PX open on Monday. Colonel Roth planned this so that Letterman patients and personnel would find at least one spot open for shopping on Monday, and the result was a record crowd.

He and Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Thompson were full of praise for the personnel of the PX who worked all Saturday helping them move equipment, arrange stock and take inventory.

The names of the Main PX personnel who spent that strenuous week end at work and turned up smiling on Monday morning are: Jewelry Department—Naomi Miller, assistant store manager, Dorothy Johnston, "Betts" Hutcheson, Lavon Masters. Sundries—Katherine Burger and Mary Freeman. Drugs—May Fewer and Norma Ford. Cigarettes — Isabella Franks. Hobby Shop—Dorothea Fassett and Audrey Mathis. Stationery — Ethel Slaughter. Candy — Bernice Dixon. Toys — Betty Slaughter. Fountain — Rose Higgins, Gladys Crosby and Fay Sides.

If you're one of the people who hasn't yet been in to view the bigger and better Letterman PX (there can't be more than two of you), be sure to make it soon!

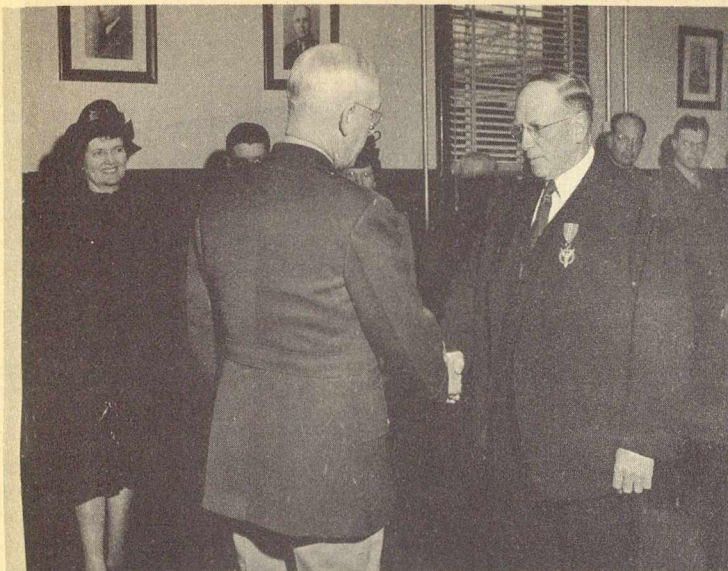
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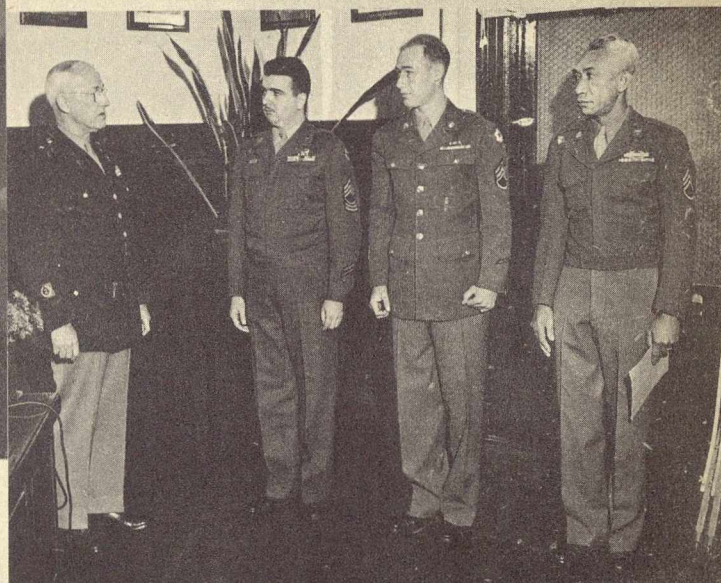
operation extended by General Hillman on every occasion where the public interest demanded details of events occurring in the hospital. The host of evening, Mr. Abe Kemp, of the San Francisco "Examiner" facetiously deplored the general's desertion of California for Florida but hoped he would see the error of his ways and some day soon return to San Francisco.

No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself, who would not exchange the finest show for the poorest reality, who does not so live his work that he is not only glad to give himself for it, but find rather a gain than a sacrifice in the surrender.—James Russell Lowell.

Main PX Shares The Camera Spotlight With Awards



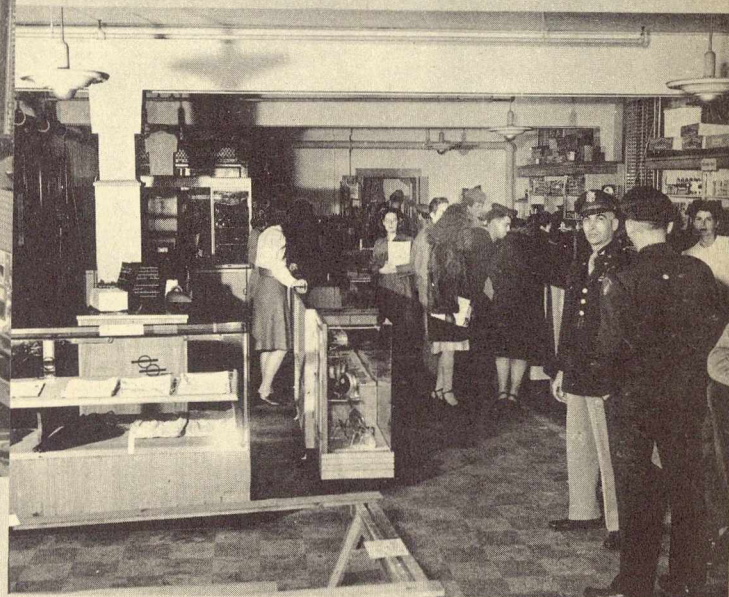
Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman congratulates Dr. Sterling Bunnell, well known San Francisco surgeon, after presenting him with the Medal of Merit, the Army's highest civilian award, for his outstanding wartime work in reconstructive surgery. On the extreme left is Mrs. Sterling Bunnell.



Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman presents awards at a ceremony in his office. L to R: Gen. Hillman, M-Sgt. Leland L. Lee, who received the Army Commendation Ribbon, Sgt. Jordan . Fowler, Army Commendation Ribbon, and S-Sgt. Arthur Solomon, who received a French award, the Croix de Guerre with bronze star, by order of General de Gaulle.



Talking it over at the Main PX fountain over a coke and a cone.



Monday morning in the newly-remodeled Main PX.



(CNS) — College football gate receipts should top the billion-dollar mark this season. Ohio State University alone will account for more than \$1,100,000 . . . Owners of Assault, pride of the King Ranch in Texas, are ready to believe that charity pays rich dividends. Just a week after they donated Assault's \$25,000 purse for winning the Pimlico Special to the John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, the Club-footed Comet rewarded them with a \$38,600 victory in the Westchester Handicap at New York's Jamaica track. The triumph swelled Assault's 1946 record earnings for one year to \$441,445—The campaign to require stricter physical examinations of fighters before they enter the ring received impetus through the recent death of Bobby Burton, Pittsburgh Negro, who was the 11th boxer to die from ring injuries in 1946.

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Warren C. Giles' new five-year contract as general manager of the Cincinnati Reds is the reward for leading the club out of a \$600,000 deficit since 1936—Hank Greenberg will be back with the Detroit Tigers next spring, at a salary of \$45,000 or more—Rejected once more on his appeal for reinstatement as a licensed jockey, Don Meade has hinted he will stay with horse racing as a trainer . . . Estimates on the total money involved in wagers on the Army-Notre Dame football game ranged as high as \$15,000,000 . . . Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, home of both the Cardinals and the Browns, will receive approximately \$100,000 worth of improvements before the opening of the 1947 season, provided materials are procurable.

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Walter Johnson, former strikeout king of the American League, realized one of his cherished ambitions recently when he celebrated his 59th birthday. He has been fighting a grim battle against paralysis for several months . . . Hometown admirers of Eddie Dyer in Houston, Texas, showed their esteem for the pilot who directed the Cards to a World Series triumph in his freshman year by presenting him with a new automobile and a watch . . . Charley Dressen's transfer to a chief coach job with the New York Yankees will not disqualify him

IT'S SMART TO STAY IN!

U. S. ARMY

Discuss Your Prospects For A Fine Future

SEE YOUR RECRUITING OFFICER

from receiving one of the 36 new cars Owner Branch Rickey promised to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

* * *

Scalpers received as high as \$250.00 for single tickets to the Army-Notre Dame football game. Still 100 Purple Heart Veterans were admitted free through arrangements made by Col. Lawrence (Biff) Jones, graduate manager of athletics at West Point . . . The benefit fund for wives and families of nine Spokane, Wash., Pacific Coast League players killed in a bus crash last June, exceeded the \$115,000 mark early in November. Major league clubs contributed \$25,000 from the proceeds of the annual All-Star benefit game . . . Opening of basketball practice at Tufts college was delayed for nearly three weeks, and for a peculiar reason! When Coach Fred Ellis called the squad together for the first practice he discovered that not a single ball was available, and that none could be procured.

Ike Williams, the veteran NBA lightweight boxing champion, is weary of what he considers the run-around from the New York Boxing

Need Clerk-Typists

Six clerk-typists, CAF-2, are needed immediately for work in the offices here at Letterman. The salary is \$1,954 a year for a five-day work week, and includes the usual sick leave and annual leave privileges. Applicants are asked to go to the Civilian Personnel office, room 221, main hospital.

Far out in a western desert was a little gas station with this sign on it: "Don't ask us for information—if we knew anything we wouldn't be here."

Managers' Guild, Inc. He alleges the Guild is effecting a boycott against him and he has initiated a court action compelling the Guild to appear before the judge and show cause why a restraining order should not be issued against the Guild . . . Stymie's bid to set an all-time record for race-horse winnings will have to wait until 1947, because of a leg infection. Stymie's earnings now total \$516,285, second only to Whirlaway's \$561,161.

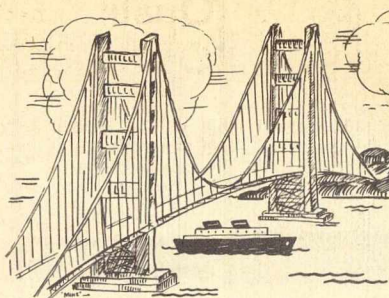
Reconditioning Says

The achieving man has an urge, a drive, a "restless sea within" which demands constant activity. These drives are not placed within the individual by his own volition but result from inter-relations between his heredity, organic conditions, and adjustments. Psychological studies of intensive mental workers indicate that many have become studious because of an urge to compensate for a physical defect such as lameness or deafness. Others have developed drives through the sublimation of sex energies, the determination to avenge an insult, the attempt to adjust one's life to the nagging of a tormenting wife, or other barriers.

Many of us have gone along not knowing or caring what type of work we would like to do when we get out of the service, and some, due to physical handicaps must turn to a new type of work. For the college graduate, this matter is comparatively simple. If he really wishes to use his college experiences in formulating definite vocational objectives, he has every opportunity to do so through his relationship with faculty members, friends in business, secretaries of trade associations, trade journals, psychology tests, and library books which have been made available to him during his years at school.

For the service men and women now at Letterman and other hospitals, the same materials are available. First of all, however, the desire to learn must be there—then you must determine what field of work you are best suited for, and this may be accomplished at the Veterans Counseling Service by taking a series of vocational aptitude and preference tests. Then you do some browsing and prying into the business itself by writing directly to the firm, store, or whatever the case may be and learn all you can about the prospective job. Investigate the history of the company, study its product, find out all you can about the firm so that when you apply for the job you can write an effective letter or answer intelligently when interviewed.

Whatever your field of interest may be, you will find that with a few inquiries, information may be obtained. Educational Reconditioning has self-study books to loan on subjects from Air-Conditioning to Turkey Management, high school and college level books, technical books, and correspondence courses for high school and college credits.



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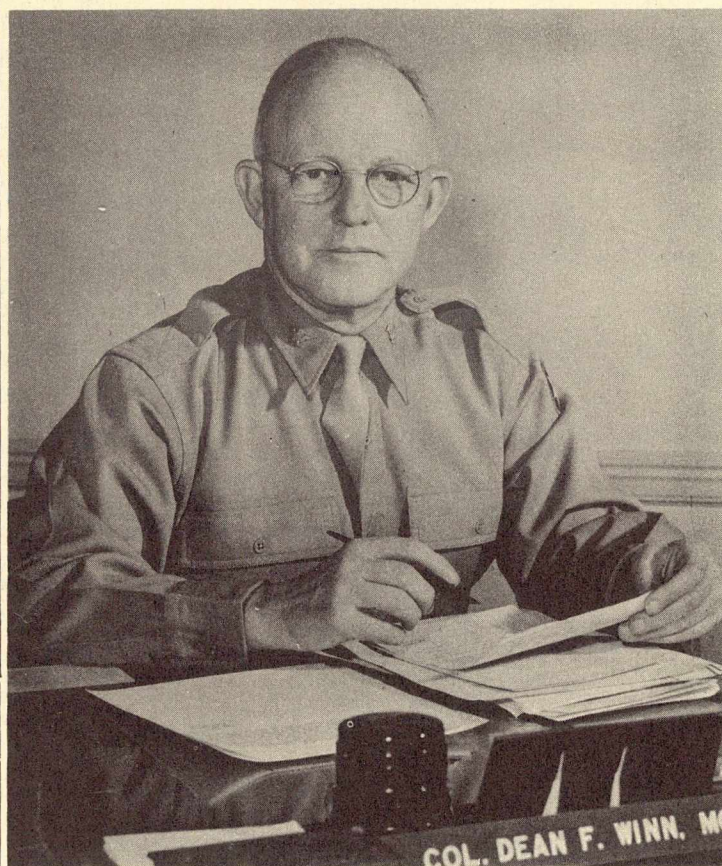
Colonel Winn Assumes Command Of Letterman

Colonel Dean F. Winn, who assumes command of Letterman on the departure of General Hillman, arrived here on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Winn. They made the trip from Swannanoa, N. C., by motor and stopped over for a few days at San Antonio, Texas.

Colonel Winn is no stranger to Letterman, having been on the staff as operating surgeon from 1922 to 1926. He is a native of Macon, Georgia, and was graduated from the Medical Department of Emory University in Atlanta in 1910. He engaged in private practice in Atlanta until 1914. During the following year he was operating surgeon at the Russian-American Red Cross Hospital in Kiev, Russia, and was a fellow member of the staff with Colonel Brown S. McClintic, who until recently was Executive Officer at Letterman.

Colonel Winn entered the Army in 1916 and was assigned to duty in the Surgical Service at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. In 1917-18 he served as Adjutant at the USA General Hospital No. 1 in New York City, and after the close of World War I was operating surgeon at the USA General Hospital No. 41 on Staten Island, New York, until 1919.

The next two years were spent in the Philippines, as Chief of Surgical Service at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila. Then came the four-year assignment at Letterman, and during the following four years, from 1926 to 1930, Colonel Winn was Chief of Surgical Service at Station Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas. In 1931 he held the same position at the



Colonel DEAN F. WINN, M. C.
New Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital

Corps Area Hospital, Fort Totten, Long Island.

He was superintendent of Colon Hospital in Panama, from 1931 to 1934, and from 1935 to 1940 was Chief of Surgical Service at the Station Hospital (later Brooke General Hospital) Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was surgeon of the Harbor Defenses in Boston during the next two years.

Colonel Winn became commanding officer of Schick General Hospi-

tal at Clinton, Iowa when it was organized in 1942, and remained until the hospital closed in 1945. He served as commanding officer of England General Hospital in Atlantic City, N. J., from December 1945 until July 1946, and of Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina, from September of this year until the hospital closed on 30 November.

Colonel Winn is a graduate of the

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General Hillman Leaves Letterman For Retirement

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, who has been in command at Letterman since August 1944, today relinquishes his command and will begin terminal leave tomorrow prior to retirement after 25 years of service in the Medical Corps.

On Saturday afternoon last the Officers' Club of Letterman tendered a farewell reception and buffet supper in honor of General and Mrs. Hillman at which the officers and ladies of the command gathered for an au revoir ceremony. As a memento of their service here Mrs. Hillman was presented with some pieces of silver tableware during the evening. The sentiments of the command on the occasion were expressed by Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Senior Post Chaplain, speaking for the officers and men and women of Letterman. The Commanding General and Mrs. Hillman then spoke briefly thanking the personnel of the command for the loyal service rendered by all during the last two and a half years.

General and Mrs. Hillman have been entertained widely by both civilian and military friends during the past week and were the guests of honor on Thursday evening at dinner at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Bunnell. Other guests were the outstanding members of the medical profession in San Francisco.

General and Mrs. Hillman will leave by motor car for the trip to Miami, Florida, where he is to take over the directorship of Jackson Memorial Hospital. En route they will stop over at Stuttgart, Ark., and

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Just Name Your Taste in Music, And The Band Plays COn!

First you hear the music and then you see the listening patients in the patio and the ramp windows filled with more listeners, and you know it's one of the two weekly concerts of the Letterman band—the 358th ASF Band, that is.

The 21 men of the group, under the direction of the band leader, CWO Charles W. Cook, make music in the patio on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons each week at 1:30, and they make it for an appreciative and constantly increasing audience.

For concerts they play what Mr. Cook calls a "mixed program," alternating a heavy concert number with a light one, and adding popular or comic tunes that are in current favor. They play eight numbers during each concert, and have a complete change of program twice a week.

"It takes 25 hours practice each week for the two concerts," says Mr. Cook. Since the band has been adding new numbers at the rate of 16 per week ever since they arrived at Letterman last February, they now have, to put it mildly, an extensive repertoire.

The band was activated in Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and shortly afterwards was ordered to Dallas, Texas, where it was known as the Eighth Service Command band until the group came to Letterman.

Here it is an important part of the educational and recreational activities in and around the hospital area, providing concert and band music as required. Besides the patio concerts, the band plays several numbers every evening for the retreat ceremony at the flag pole. A large dance combination furnishes music occasionally for Wednesday night at the U.M.C.A., and smaller groups play for parties and dances in the hospital and at USO clubs in the Bay Area. Certain of the men are assigned as instructors for the patients orchestra which is operated by Reconditioning Service under the direction of Sergeant Guy Shortz.

Personnel of the band has changed so rapidly since the group came to Letterman that "at times it would have been impossible to function," says Mr. Cook, "except for the fact that several of the men were able to play more than one instrument and could be shifted from one spot to the other as it became necessary, to secure instrumental balance."

Of the 27 men who reported with the band last February, only four



LETTERMAN'S 358TH ASF BAND

Seated, L to R: CWO C. W. Cook, band leader; T/4 R. P. Seevers, Pfc. L. M. Foschec, Pvt. T. E. Wingo, T/4 C. L. Smith, Pvt. J. E. Lorentz, T/4 F. P. Wright, T/5 F. X. Fabacher, Pfc. F. W. Bremenkamp III, Pfc. D. Nakamura. **Standing, L to R:** T/4 W. W. Crapo, Pfc. D. A. Oriente, T/Sgt. E. Wojciechowski, Pfc. D. F. Barnhart, T/Sgt. W. G. Farmer, T/Sgt. B. T. Buckley, T/5 D. E. Johnson, T/4 K. Bates, Pvt. J. W. Naplprstek, T/5 J. R. Garrett, T/Sgt. G. F. Woolley, T/5 D. R. Frost.

are left, and a great many who came in since that time have already been discharged from the Army. According to Mr. Cook, his men "always come through in a pinch and can be depended upon to play at the top of their ability and usually a little beyond."

One of the former members of the 358th is now playing cello with the San Francisco Symphony — T/5 George Barata, and another, T/4 Frank W. Bettencourt, is playing trombone with Jan Garber's orchestra.

CWO Charles W. Cook, the band leader, has been in the Army 33 years, all of them engaged in musical activities. He is a graduate of the Army Music School, and for 12 years taught a four year course in music at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. He spent two years during World War II in Washington, D. C., as a member of the faculty of the Army Music School. Other duty stations during his Army career include the Philippines, Panama, the Mexican border,

the Presidio, Camp Meade, Maryland, Madison Barracks, N. Y., Fort Eustis, Va. and Dallas, Texas.

The band membership includes nine men who are Regular Army men with service prior to 1940. The members of the band are a really All-American aggregation, with 14 states represented among the 22 in the group. The members are: T/Sgt. Benjamin T. Buckley of Oakland, California, who plays bass tuba and is supply sergeant; T/Sgt. William G. Farmer of Stantonsburg, North Carolina, who plays baritone; T/Sgt. Edward Wojciechowski of New York City, trombone; T/Sgt. Gail F. Woolley of Lima, Ohio, cornet.

T/4 Kenneth Bates of Two Gray Hills Trading Post, Arizona, cornet; T/4 Walter W. Crapo of Fall River, Massachusetts, bass drum; T/4 Robert P. Seevers of Smithfield, Ohio, who plays clarinet and saxophone and is librarian; T/4 Charles L. Smith of East Liverpool, Ohio, who plays clarinet and saxophone and is assistant supply sergeant; T/4 Franklin P. Wright of Council Bluffs,

Iowa, clarinet and saxophone.

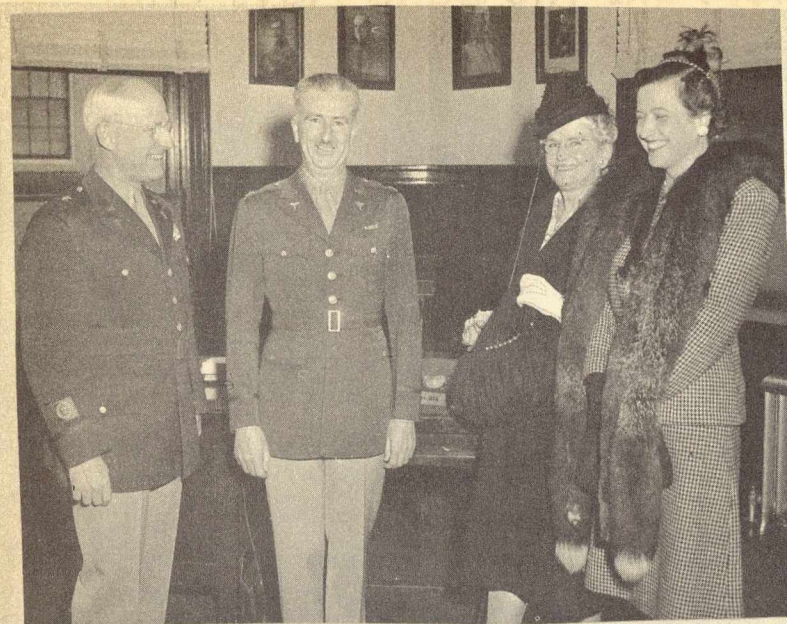
T/5 Francis X. Fabacher of New Orleans, Louisiana, clarinet; T/5 Donald R. Frost of Hollywood, California, snare drum; T/5 Jack R. Garrett of St. Joseph, Missouri, cornet; T/5 Donald E. Johnson of Wellington, Texas, cornet.

Pfc. Daniel F. Barnhart of Redwood City, California, who plays trombone and Pfc. Fred W. Bremenkamp III of Covington, Kentucky, who plays French horn and piano and is band clerk; Pfc. Larry M. Foschec of Los Angeles, California, tenor saxophone; Pfc. David Nakamura of Mountain View, California, French horn and trumpet; Pfc. Daniel A. Oriente of Blue Island, Illinois, accordion and bass.

Pvt. James E. Lorentz of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, clarinet; Pvt. John W. Naplprstek of Oak Park, Illinois, cornet; Pvt. Thomas E. Wingo of Chicago, Illinois, alto saxophone and clarinet.

In the occasional absence of Mr. Cook, the first sergeant, Sgt. Gail F. Woolley, conducts the band.

Around And About The Letterman Scene With The Camera



Maj Lloyd E. Linehan, DC, receives the Army Commendation Ribbon at a ceremony in the Commanding General's office. L to R: Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Major Linehan, Mrs. Bertha Linehan, The Major's mother, and Mrs. E. Linehan, his wife.



Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman congratulates Lt. Col. Tillman E. Boyd, whom he has just decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, awarded for heroic achievement in Italy.



Charles Kahman of ward B-2 and Raymond Biggs of ward 3 look over the Letterman Camera Club exhibit at the recent festival at Miss Burke's School. The festival earned \$1700, which the students presented to Letterman to be used for recreation for patients.



Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, wisecracks for the patients at the recent fights held at Letterman gym.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

"PEARL HARBOR"

Five years ago today this court found itself engaged in war as a consequence of the sneak Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. It was treacherous because at almost the same moment delegates from Japan were discussing peaceful projects with our State Department. It was not a "surprise" to those who knew anything about the Jap mind. For years our military leaders were aware that when Japan felt ready that nation would dispense with the formality of declaring war. She would "come out fighting."

That blow found us totally unprepared for a war. We had gone through the motions of getting ready by announcing a national emergency. We had established the military draft and a gigantic training program had been initiated. Our military leaders had to fight for a modicum of men and guns to carry out that program, and miraculously managed to do much with almost too little.

We gathered together the greatest fighting machine of men, ships, guns, and planes the world had ever seen. And given the tools our armed forces finished the task.

On this fifth anniversary of "Pearl Harbor" we are slipping rapidly into the same state of unpreparedness which existed five years ago. We are repeating the mistakes that have followed every war—"the shoot-

WAC

We are always so pleased to see Toby Paglin toting food home from the mess hall, until we learn that it is not for us at all, but for Toby's latest flame . . . "Twinkle." (that, my friends, is just a dog.)

If you have seen Sabina Synziawicz looking puzzled of late, it is only because she has heard of Seal Rock and is spending all of her spare time looking for the seals.

Wonder how Eleanor Davis can get by with so little sleep and still maintain her sense of humor—and that's no kidding!

Sally Oscar is now heading for an Oscar. She is now taking pictures of movie stars . . . the latest . . . Rita Hayworth and Orson Wells. (We are speaking of Sally Craig.)

"All good things come to those who wait"—Rena Regas knows how true that is. It seems she has always wanted a cake with white icing. Although it was a belated birthday gift, Rena got her cake and shared it with all . . . Thanks, Renie.

June is not as far away as Viola Mackie may think—besides Pete is worth waiting for, Vi.

Like all good WAC's, Jessie Barnes has a problem too. All day she listens to "Am I on orders today?" . . . "Will I be home for Christmas?" . . . "Just when will I be discharged?" We are in sympathy. It must be quite a task getting our boys discharged soon enough!

"Reconditioning Says" Perhaps those twinkling eyes and that bright smile of our Irish lassie, Frances Jenkins, are indicative of the company she keeps in Reconditioning.

Dorcas Rosenfeld has gone in for abstractions . . . modern art to ye who know not. How about some illustrations to help us understand it, Dorcas?

Mary Williams and Margaret Wallace are on their way to being civilians. Good luck and happy sailing, girls.

Elma Cain is spending her three-day pass in Monterey. Haven't discovered just what the attraction is, but we'll keep you informed.

How about some ideas for that Christmas party? Start thinking now before the big meeting, and let's have something really different to offer.

ing is over let's throw our guns away."

Let us pause and "Remember Pearl Harbor."



Congratulations on their promotions from 2d to 1st Lieutenant go this week to four members of the Army Nurse Corps at Letterman: 1st Lieutenants Beatrice A. Hayward, Joan P. McManus, Millie R. Tohill and Neoma E. Yoho.

The well-known Physical Therapy trio—Lts. Miriam Johnson, Dorothy Johnson and Champe Phillips—spent Thanksgiving in Alameda. Lt. Ruth Wall went to Orland to spend Thanksgiving with her family, and since she was there from Thursday on through the week end, she got a chance at the turkey not only at its first serving, but also in its even better form—sliced cold for snacks!

Sympathetic wishes for a quick recovery go to Lt. Edna Russell and Lt. Irene Powell of the Army Nurse Corps, who are both patients at present.

Leaving the hospital to resume civilian life this week are 1st Lt. Vivian E. Robinson and 2d Lt. Barbara Newton.

Capt. Sarah Pollock and 1st Lt. Dorothy Richter have returned from the good times and glamor of their trip to Mexico City, and they're doing a real job of selling Mexico to their fellow nurses.

Lt. Leith Shaffer of Physical Therapy ate Thanksgiving turkey at the home of her sister in San Bruno.

Lt. Edith Dumond of Physical Therapy enjoyed Thanksgiving with her family across the bay in Richmond.

Lt. Jeanne Finnis has returned from a 21-day leave spent with her family on Long Island, New York, and reports a wonderful time, winter or no winter.

Lt. Anna Hackett, ANC, left this week for her home in Uhrichsville, Ohio, on emergency leave.

Welcome to Letterman to three new arrivals for the ANC this week, who came from Fort Dix, New Jersey after their arrival from overseas duty in the European Theatre. 1st Lt. Louis Heinzenberger was in Nuremberg, Germany, and 1st Lt. Betty Ann Beaudry and 2d Lt. Dorothy Firstenberger were in Berlin. Lieutenants Beaudry and Firstenberger say they would like to go right back to Berlin again, but Lt.

The Chaplain's Corner

Sunday, December 8, 1946

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Students at Miss Burke's School Give Letterman \$1700

The students at Miss Burke's School in San Francisco, who this week gave \$1700 to Letterman to be used for recreation for patients, modestly decided that they didn't want "any special credit" for their gift, which is why the money was quietly presented with no camera-man in sight.

The sum was earned at the Story-Book Festival in which the entire school, from first grade to senior class, participated. The girls were costumed as characters in well-known books. A 10-cent admission charge and the articles sold in the booths at the festival earned the \$1700.

The Red Cross will administer the fund.

Civil Service Examinations

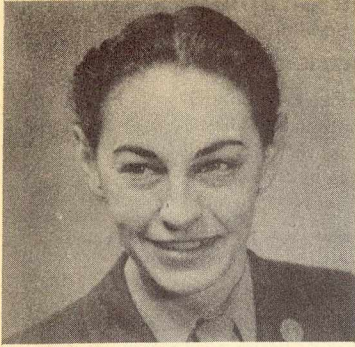
Examinations for probational civil service appointments for the positions of Vocational Adviser (including Vocational Guidance Supervisor), Patent Examiner, Aircraft Mechanic General and Aircraft Mechanic Motors, have been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Applications for the aircraft positions must be in not later than 11 December 1946; those for vocational work by 17 December and for patent examiner by 18 December.

Salaries are as follows: Vocational Adviser, \$3,397 to \$7,102 per year; Patent Examiner, \$2,644 to \$4,149 per year; Aircraft, \$1.32, \$1.38 and \$1.44 per hour.

Heinzenberger is very happy to be back in the States.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CHARLOTTE K. MORRISON
Staff Sergeant

In the combination of Irish and Castilian Spanish that went into the ancestry of dark-eyed, vivid Charlotte Morrison, the Irish shows up only in the name and the sense of humor. Her exterior is strictly Spanish, and seems to call for a mantilla instead of a uniform.

You can believe it or not, but Charlotte (better known as Sharlie), though she's from Texas, says she intends to remain "from Texas." Doesn't want to go back because she doesn't like it. "Incredible" is the word for the way people receive this statement, but that's how it is.

She joined the WAC in February 1945 and after basic and administrative school at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas. After 15 months she requested a transfer to Letterman and arrived here in August. She is in the Personnel Authorization and Assignment office here. She likes San Francisco (better than Texas, of course), and even a little bit better than New Orleans, where she lived and loved it.

Sharlie calls herself a "jill of all trades." Before coming into the Army she worked on a construction trade paper and did public relations work for a vocational school.

Her plans for the future center around the bookstore she intends to start in Colorado Springs. When the bookstore gets into the lucrative stage, the money will go to buy a cabin in Colorado.

She enjoys reading, and says that for her it is "an integral part of life." "When I eat alone I always read, and if I don't have anything with me, I can always read the label on a catsup bottle." She intends soon to begin again collecting early jazz records—Bix Biederbecke period.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Plans are already under way for the Red Cross Christmas Corner Contest for all bed patient wards. Patients are encouraged to submit their ideas to the Red Cross Recreation Worker on the ward.

Material will be provided for each ward. Tinfoil, champagne corks, construction paper, artificial snow, pipe cleaners, poster paint, silver paper, etcetera, will be transformed into a miniature Christmas scene. Some suggested ideas are: a snow-covered village, a manger scene, an outsized Christmas stocking, Santa and his famous reindeer and sleigh. Originality, of course, will win your ward the special prize. A word of warning, however—by order of the Fire Department, no crepe paper or cotton may be used.

Displays will be judged Thursday, 19 December, and to the winning ward—a grand special Christmas party, complete with entertainment, holiday food, hostesses, gifts, and loads of fun.

Charles Girsberger of the Model Airplane Club says the club is still holding those Sunday morning meets on the Letterman parade ground, weather permitting, and from the continual zooming of model planes in the air on a recent Sunday, it would seem there's a lot of interest in the meets. They begin at 10 a. m. Until recently, Girsberger has been a maker of model planes only, but he's now going in for model trains also.

George Ackerman of E-1 has a book on his bedside table that's a sure recipe for a laugh any time he picks it up. It's "archy and mehtable" by Don Marquis, amusing chronicle of archy the cockroach and mehtable the cat. The author insisted that Archy typed the stuff himself by getting on top of the typewriter and hurling himself down the keys. Of course he couldn't manage the shift key, so there are no capital letters in the book.

The picture of Arduus Whitaker of E-1, taken last week by one of the San Francisco dailies while Arduus was listening to the hushatone radio receiver, appeared next day in the paper with a story about him.

Raymond Biggs of ward 3 was the lucky winner of a giant panda at the Story-Book Festival at Miss Burke's School. The panda really got to see the Bay Area before Raymond sent him home to his young brother for Christmas. The panda

accompanied his proud owner to football games at Stanford and Cal; to the movies and to class at S. F. Junior College.

There was a leftover piano on ward C-2 one day this week—left over from a show given on the ward the night before, that is—and some of the patients were having fun getting in a little practice. Norman Smith was trying it out, but with him piano is just a side issue, because he plays the violin and the guitar. When he gets out of the Army, Norman plans to study music for a while, then wants to play with a band. He says if this doesn't work out, he'll open a restaurant. He was originally from Niagara Falls, N. Y., but his home now is in Canada, in Hamilton, Ontario. He recently returned from 16 months overseas, spent in the Philippines and the Marianas.

Edwin Kochin of C-1 likes leathercraft, and with Christmas in the offing he's been turning out purses, billfolds and belts. Sounds full of industry, though at times he's to be found on the ward just watching other people work.

Frank Soto of ward C-2 is back from a few days spent at home in Hayward, and from Hayward's proximity to strike-bound Oakland, it looks as though he just got back in time.

Kenny McPike of the Message Center, now a patient on C-1, isn't getting the kind of messages that torrent through the Message Center, but he listens to messages anyway—the kind that comes over the hushatone radio receiver by his bed.

They keep asking Jake Kaiser of C-2 about those wonderful home-cooked dinners he gets these days. He doesn't have far to go, either, just to the Marina. But Jake just isn't talking.

It seems the cause of Bryce Faunce's frequent visits to San Jose is that he has a heart interest there. His fellow patients on ward C-2 say they'd appreciate it a lot if he wouldn't make a point of waking up everybody in the ward when he gets back.

Emanuel Sandman sits weaving a bright yellow scarf which he insists he is making for a Christmas present—for himself. He says he is "just awaiting that happy moment" when he will be discharged and can go home to Brooklyn, N. Y.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



LOUIS GEIST
Private First Class

Pfc. Louis Geist, who naturally is "Louie" to his friends, is from Chicago, and though he's had the diversion of travel since he's been in the Army, he's still a little homesick around the edges. He'll be in the Army until next June, and when that time comes he won't be a bit sorry to get back to home and family and that midwest climate which, as he observes and which no one can deny, "has four seasons—not like California." So this is probably no place to insist that California has got four seasons—they just don't go to such extremes here.

Louie was inducted into the Army in November 1945 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., then after a brief time at Camp Skokie, Ill., he went to Camp Crowder, Missouri for his basic training and medical technicians' course. The next six months were spent at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and in September of this year Louie came to Letterman. He likes the Medical Department, and since he has been here he has completed the ward attendants' course, and is now ward attendant on ward G-1.

He attended Parker High School in Chicago before joining the Army, and worked part time while he was going to school as an electrical crane operator. He played football in school, and one of his favorite pastimes since he's been in San Francisco has been going to the football games.

Louie says he's undecided about whether he'll go back to school when he is discharged from the Army or back to work. Persistent questioning discloses the fact that he likes to cartoon, and spent a summer vacation taking an art course at the Chicago Art Institute. He likes to do gag cartoons, but is mighty reticent about talking about the matter.

CIVIL CIRCLES

It wasn't a white glove that Hilda Mansfield of the PX Grill was wearing last week. Her hand was bandaged because it had been scalded, but it didn't incapacitate her at all, her good service continued as usual.

Maybe a Grandmother's Club should be formed here. This week Helen Dietz became a grandmother for the fourth time. This time it was a granddaughter, making it two and two. Congratulations also go to Louise Smith of Sick and Wounded Office, whose first granddaughter just arrived. Louise is planning a visit north in the very near future, so she can get acquainted with the baby.

It was a long way to go for turkey, but Joe DeFreitas, of the Machine Shop, took the train to Los Angeles to be with his mother for the holiday. And Mildred Bryan of the library and her husband, Captain Bryan, enjoyed the day at Tracy with Mildred's mother, Mrs. Florence Moffett.

Mary Johnson returned to EENT Clinic after a week's vacation spent with her twin sister Martha, who just returned by plane from Hilo. The twins spent some happy days together. When Martha was in the ANC, she was stationed at Letterman, and since Mary is still here, Martha gets a chance to keep up on the latest Letterman news.

Our sports enthusiast, Pat Mockbee of Service Records, has put away her boots and saddle for the time being, while she finds recreation in 18 holes of golf every Sunday at Lincoln course.

Lee Backen of the X-ray department is on a months' leave, to be spent either in Los Angeles or at her place in La Honda.

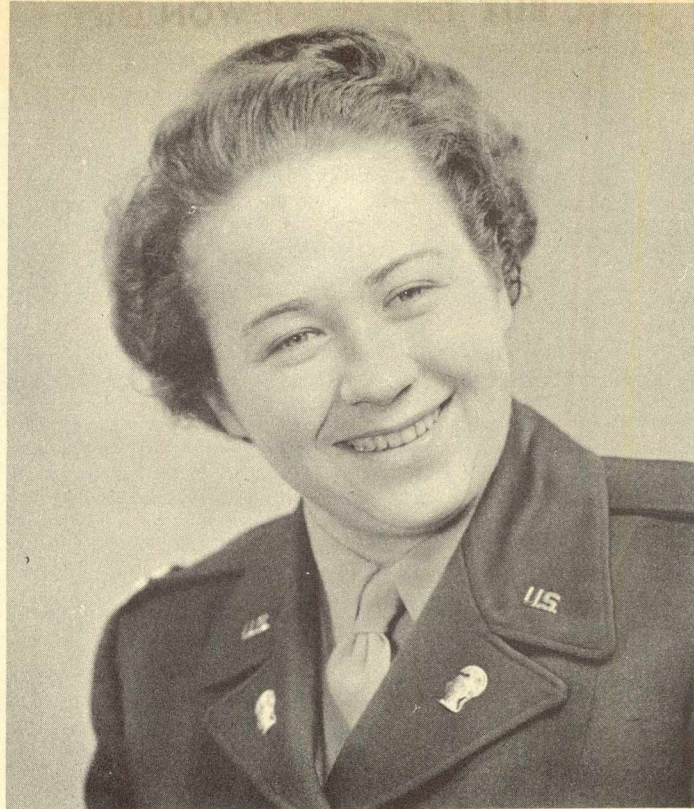
After two years at Letterman Helen Ramsden of the Laboratory said farewell to her many friends last week and left for New York to visit her sister. The laboratory staff gave a farewell party for her the day she left.

Back to a civilian status since leaving Letterman a few years ago, Marion Harmon, hygienist, joined Red Cross and served overseas. She is now on duty at the Station Dispensary.

Female voice to bus driver: "Can't you wait until I get my clothes on?"

And 50 GIs twisted their necks out of joint while the laundress climbed aboard with a basket of clothing.

ABLE, AFFABLE AND ATHLETIC IS ALICE: ALMOST "ALL-AMERICAN" ALSO



Captain ALICE DAHNKE
All active athletes ask about Alice.

When Captain Alice Dahnke landed at Letterman last June her arrival was chronicled in these columns with the publication of the hospital order assigning her duties. Paragraphs 4 to 11, inclusive, listed what was expected of her and even before she came into view we all agreed that the caption "All About Alice" could be changed to read "Alice is Able."

Captain Dahnke has demonstrated marked ability in the performance of her military duties and her athletic prowess is a distinct factor in morale building for the patients and duty personnel. Alice looks like an athlete and when her past history discloses her peace time occupation as a welder on torpedo boat construction in her home town of Milwaukee a lot of things cleared up at once.

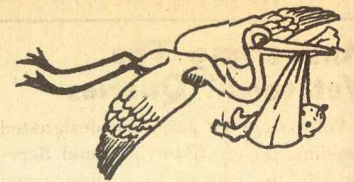
The captain joined the army in February 1943 and took basic training and OCS at Fort Des Moines. She in turn became an instructor in basic training for other "rookies" and gave the next 23 months of her young life to that field at Daytona Beach and Fort Oglethorpe. She next took on the role of Company

Commander for a company of Puerto Rican WACs—a fair sized company of 185—and the results of her efficient handling of the job gave her an MOS as CO. She tarried at Crile General Hospital for a while before coming to Letterman and acquired the medical department approach to problems.

Last season the WAC softball team had a very successful year and that could be traced to Alice's ability to "dig 'em out of the dirt" at 1st base. Any toss to her from any part of the field was right in the glove, and she has more than a two way stretch; up, down, and sideways, to be specific. This season the young lady is out for the basketball team and we look for her to introduce the "over the head and backward" play pictured this week in LIFE.

The ankle high hose the captain sometimes wears does not make her a "bobby soxer;" merely protection for the toes and soles of her nylons, and other than that she is strictly G. I. all the way 'round.

In addition to being able we would like to add that Alice is also affable.



To T/3 and Mrs. Louis Neff, a boy, **John Lewis**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 26 November.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Warren G. Snell, a girl, **Gail Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 27 November.

To Major and Mrs. Charles H. Price, a girl, **Sharom Lynne**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 29 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harold Klatt, a boy, **Stephen Robert**, weight 8 pounds 2 ounces, born 29 November.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. James A. Mullins, a boy, **James Marshall**, weight 6 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 30 November.

To T/5 and Mrs. Charles Quinby, a boy, **Grover Harry**, born 2 December.

Lady: "Did you notice the pile of wood in the yard?"

Tramp: "Yes, lady, I seen it."

Lady: "You should mind your grammar; you say you saw it."

Tramp: "Lady, you saw me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

MORE ABOUT COLONEL WINN

(Continued from Page 1)

Army Medical School and of the Advanced Course, Medical Field Service School. He has been decorated with the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding services during World War II.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an Honorary Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, and a member of Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL HILLMAN

(Continued from Page 1)

Van Buren, Ark., for brief visits with relatives.

General Hillman expects to arrive at Miami the latter part of this month. He will be placed on the retired list of the army on 31 January 1947.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Veterans who have not designated beneficiaries of their National Service Life Insurance are being urged to do so by the Veterans Administration.

VA points out that the new insurance law passed by Congress last August eliminated the provision for an automatic order of succession when beneficiaries have not been designated by policy holders.

Under the new law, if the insured is not survived by designated beneficiaries, the proceeds of his insurance will be paid in a single sum to his estate.

As part of an estate, insurance loses its identity as such and is subject to all laws governing estates, including claims of creditors, administrator's fees, and court expenses. In any event, VA says, the veteran who fails to designate his beneficiaries might expose his dependents to the unnecessary risk of expense and delay.

It is also important that contingent beneficiaries be named and that all beneficiaries be kept up to date. VA explains that the death of a first beneficiary might cause the unpaid balance of a policy to be paid to the insured's estate if there is no designated second or contingent beneficiary. If a beneficiary should die before the insured, another beneficiary should be chosen so that the insurance benefits will go where the insured wants them to go.

Question: "Where do I apply for self-employment readjustment allowance?"

Answer: At your local California State Employment Service office.

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Question: "Can my beneficiary change the plan of payment I chose for my GI insurance?"

Answer: A beneficiary may choose to receive payments over a longer period of time than originally designated by the insured, but not for a shorter period of time. For example, if you designated that your insurance be paid in 36 monthly installments, your beneficiary can have it spread over 5, 10 or 20 years, but not over a period of time less than the 36 months you stipulated.

"Well, bless my wool," said the ram as he plunged over the cliff. "I didn't see that ewe turn."

HE TRIED CIVILIAN LIFE FOR 87 DAYS, BUT THE ARMY WON OUT



First Sergeant THEODORE WILKISON
First Sergeant, 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Section

There are probably only two people in the world who come from Texas and don't like it and don't want to go back, and both of them are featured in the Fog Horn this week. (See also page 5.) First Sergeant Theodore Wilkison, recently made first sergeant of the detachment when 1/Sgt. Calvin Williams received his discharge, is the man in question. However, he says he still has his Texas citizenship papers.

From comments heard among members of the detachment, it's plain that Sgt. Wilkison is very well liked, and he returns the compliment. He says one of the reasons he enjoys his work is because he likes meeting people, and with 1150 men in the detachment at present, there's no lack of opportunity for him to indulge this liking.

This week he celebrated the completion of his fifth year in the Army. He came in just before Pearl Harbor, on 2 December 1941, and although he tried out civilian life for a total of 87 days, after his return from overseas, he says he'll take the Army. He is originally from Borger, Texas, but was in San

Diego when he entered the service.

After a brief time at Fort MacArthur, he went to Camp Barkley at Abilene, Texas, for medical training, and remained there from February 1942 until August 1944. He was then transferred to the 191st General Hospital and shortly afterward left from Camp Miles Standish in Boston for overseas duty. He was with the 191st in England, Scotland and France, from December 1944 until September 1945, and returned to the United States in December 1945 with the 152nd Station Hospital. He then received his discharge, and then came that 87 days as a civilian. He re-enlisted in March of this year, and after a short time at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, came to Letterman in May.

Sgt. Wilkison was married in 1943, and his wife Hilda, and their young son Richard, who is 31 months old, are now here with him in San Francisco.

In his free time, Sgt. Wilkison studies accounting and business administration. He likes baseball and football, but "strictly as a spectator."

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. The San Francisco Museum of Art announces the Exhibits for December: Selections from the Albert M. Bender collection through 14 January; Bay Region rental gallery paintings and sculpture through 4 January; painters from the West (Museum of Modern Art Exhibition) December 17 through January 15; children's painting from Australia December 1 through December 30; gallery tours every Sunday at 3:30.

The Museum Christmas Gift Center offers Holiday greeting cards, small color reproductions, postals of modern and old master works, and unusual books on art offering a wide selection for Christmas gift shopping. Gift certificates covering all Museum activities and publications are now available.

The Studio Workshop and Sketch Club, conducted by George Harris, are sessions for amateurs and professionals. They are not classes, but studio meetings; the Studio Workshop meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p. m. and the Sketch Club on Fridays from 7 to 9:30 p. m. Both will continue through 15 December, 1946, and the Sketch Club (only) will resume on Friday, 3 January, 1947. Admission by monthly subscription only.

The Museum is conveniently located in the heart of the city—street cars Number 5 and H stop at its corner, Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street. The hours are: Week days, 12 to 10; Saturdays, 12 to 9; Sundays, 1 to 5. Free admission at all times.

2. Along the educational line, we read in the November issue of the Army Information Digest that "Principles and Types of Speech" (EM 125) ranks among the most popular of the list of more than 160 standard texts provided by USAFI. A brief glance at the course content plainly indicates why it is so greatly in demand.

Ability to speak well and effectively is an increasingly important social and professional asset. EM 125 clearly and interestingly sets forth principles that will aid the student to improve his speaking effectiveness. There are chapters dealing with how to improve the voice, how to prepare a speech, and how to deliver it to achieve the desired purpose.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

(CNS)—Indignant and anguished wails of eastern sports writers over the five-year Rose Bowl pact signed by the Pacific Coast and Big Nine conferences touched a responsive sounding board along the Atlantic Coast and other "excluded" areas. Almost in unison objectors relegated the Rose Bowl to second-rate importance hereafter.

Criticism emanates from the idea that the pact virtually locks the door to colleges outside the Big Nine. Consideration is given to the possibility that in the next few years some of these now "outcast" institutions may succeed to the eminence attained in the gridiron world the past three years by the United States Military Academy at West Point. It is possible, also, that colleges aspiring to such lofty status may be slightly irked over the thought of being ruled out of the chance to reap the \$100,000 post-season harvest the visiting Rose Bowl team receives.

That there is sound justification for this viewpoint is conceded. Eastern football appears to be in the throes of its greatest renaissance for nearly a quarter of a century. Several great teams in 1947 seem assured. And the same statement holds true for the southeast, south and southwest. The wealth of veteran material attending colleges under the GI bill has resulted in a fairly equitable distribution of talent.

Basically, the controversy simmers down to the ancient rage of the "outs" against the "ins," which is not necessarily confined to politicians. Rightfully, it might be termed another phase in this fight. For in the 28 Rose Bowl games played to date the south and the east enjoyed a virtual monopoly, 15 southern and 10 eastern teams having shared in the receipts. Ohio State in 1921, Notre Dame in 1925 and Nebraska in 1941 were the only defections in the east-south dynasty.

In recognition of the high caliber of football played in the Big Nine Conference, Pacific Coast officials tried for more than 15 years to persuade the Western Conference representatives to waive the policy of no post-season games. Similar overtures were made to Notre Dame's great teams. But all such pleas fell

Old Story: B & D, All-America



Press Association

As a fitting climax to their gridiron careers, Army's Glenn Davis and Felix (Doc) Blanchard have been named to the 1946 Associated Press mythical All-America eleven for the third consecutive year. The Touchdown twins have come to the end of Pigskin Trail but the sporting world will long remember them—Davis, Mr. Outside, zooming around the ends and Blanchard, Mr. Inside, slashing, smashing through opponents' lines for paydirt jaunts. Through their combinational greatness, Army is undefeated, and tied only once by Notre Dame, in three years of competition. Other members of the AP's All-America are: Ends—Elmer Madar of Michigan and Burr Baldwin of U.C.L.A.; Tackles—Dick Huffman of Tennessee and George Connor of Notre Dame; Guards—Alex Agase of Illinois and Weldon Humble of Rice; Center—Paul Duke of Georgia Tech. Rounding out the backfield are Charlie Trippi of Georgia and Johnny Lujack of Notre Dame.

on deaf ears until Big Nine Conference coaches and alumni became more than mildly irritated about the suspicion that southern and eastern schools were using the Rose Bowl receipts to lure top mid-west talent with subsidy propositions. Sentiment against this alleged practice (alleged being a word popular with newspapers to cover a fact generally known to be true, although not proved) kept mounting through the years, finally provoking the Big Nine into signing the Rose Bowl pact.

Writers attempting to relegate the Rose Bowl to secondary importance as a result of the pact might

be suspected of being more near-sighted than is excusable for typewriter addicts advertising the fact with glasses. The only change actually involved is that a Big Nine team will supplant the east or the south in the Pasadena classic. And few football experts will attempt to dispute that, year in and year out, the Big Nine produces college football at its best. The drawing power of such a conference champion assures the Rose Bowl of continued capacity crowds of 100,000 or more. Other lesser Bowl games are reaping the result of the boom trend in American sports interest. Competition for larger gate receipts may

Selection of Best Qualified Men Aim Of New OCS Plan

Washington (CNS)—In a move to guarantee the Army "the best qualified and highest caliber men" as officer candidates, the War Department has initiated a new officer candidate selection system based upon an enlisted man's evaluation of the qualifications of the potential OCS candidate. The new program, scheduled to go into effect Feb. 1, 1947, also guarantees a sound and uniform method and procedure for the selection of officer candidates on an Army-wide competitive basis.

Briefly, OCS applicants will be tested to determine composite scores; will be evaluated by a non-commissioned officer; and finally will be reviewed by the Officer Interview Board for final disposition.

All accepted officer candidates will attend the Army Officer Candidate School of six months' duration at Fort Benning, Ga., prior to three-month courses in their chosen ground arm or technical and administrative service.

All enlisted men, flight officers, and warrant officers who meet the qualifications are eligible to apply for OCS selection. Qualifications include successful passage of a rigid physical examination, an AGC Test score of 110 or higher, completion of prescribed basic training courses, and a favorable civilian reference report.

Applicants must have attained their 19th birthday but must not have passed their 31st, and must have no courts martial or civil courts convictions.

Regular Army enlisted men with less than nine months' service remaining in their current enlistment are not eligible under the new program. Individuals in overseas theaters must have completed one year overseas service preceding the date of application.

Accepted candidates will be given 15-day furloughs prior to commissioning and must agree to serve in an AUS status for a minimum of 18 months.

War Department spokesmen declared that 3,000 second lieutenants are commissioned each year but because of budgetary limitations, economizing within the Army, and a reduced peacetime force, it is anticipated that the number of candidates will be curtailed. How this reduction will effect the new OCS selection program was not disclosed.

in time lessen the relative importance of the Rose Bowl game. But Pasadena probably will be turning away would-be ticket purchasers for quite a few years to come.



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Mrs. Hendricks, Red Cross Field Director, Resigns

Mrs. Louis E. Hendricks, who is just rounding out three years of service as the Field Director, American Red Cross, at Letterman General Hospital, has submitted her resignation from that office to take effect 15 December.

Mrs. Hendricks, who came to us as Miss Gloria Rich and changed her name on marriage to Mr. Hendricks on 18 December 1944, held office during the peak of the war load and the splendid co-operation extended to the commanding officer and the military staff of Letterman played no small part in the accomplishment of the mission assigned to this hospital. As the work of the hospital expanded, Mrs. Hendricks displayed keen foresight in planning to keep step with the growth of the command and the harmonious relations were evident in the excellent team work under her leadership.

A native of the state of Utah, Mrs. Hendricks was born in the farming center of Burley, and later moved with her parents to Salt Lake City. There she graduated from the East High School and attended the University of Utah for two years before the family moved on to Washington, D. C. While living in the National Capital she enrolled in the National Park Seminary, a college for women located at Forest Glen, just over the District Line in Maryland. That school is not very far from Walter Reed General Hospital and the proximity might have



MRS. LOUIS E. HENDRICKS
Retiring Red Cross Field Director

had something to do with her taking up social service work. It is worth noting that since the start of the war the National Park Seminary has been taken over as an annex to Walter Reed Hospital.

Like all good western folk, Mrs. Hendricks came back home to her native city, Salt Lake, and once again entered the University of Utah for her bachelor's degree. Still liking the west, she moved over to

Berkeley for post graduate studies in Social Service.

In her chosen field she has been on the staff of the Children's Protective Association of Washington, D. C., and later with the Personnel Department of the Ford Motor Company in the New York offices.

Mrs. Hendricks plans to make her home in San Francisco where her husband is connected with an advertising agency.

Personnel Must Register Cars Before 1 January

All motor vehicles owned or operated by personnel of Letterman which are used on the post must be registered before 1 January 1947 with the Provost Marshal, LGH. This applies to officer and enlisted personnel, both duty and patient, and to civilian personnel. After 1 January 1947 vehicles which have not been registered as directed will be barred from the post (LGH Memorandum No. 58).

Application blanks will be available in the office of the Provost Marshal, Room 109, Administration Building, beginning 15 December. The application must be filled out and presented in person, with proof of adequate insurance, before a permit will be granted.

The required minimum insurance coverage, with an insurance company legally covering automobiles operated in the State of California is (a) \$5,000/\$10,000 personal liability; (b) \$1,000 property damage liability. Each applicant must also have a valid driver's license issued by civil authority.

Duty personnel will be issued a metal plate for which a charge of 25 cents is made. This plate will be affixed to the upper right hand corner of the front state license plate.

These plates are to be surrendered to the issuing office: (a) when revoked; (b) Upon transfer of vehicle to another owner; (c) Upon transfer or termination of employment of owner.

Patient personnel will be issued a sticker for which no charge is made. It is to be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the front windshield.

Letterman Postoffice All Set for Christmas Rush

It's a very handy thing to have a post office right under the same roof with you, and the one under the roof of Letterman is doubtless doubly appreciated now that Christmas is at hand.

If it's just appreciated as much as it is patronized, that's good enough, because as the Santa season gets under way the post office is getting more customers than a new car dealer, and the piles of neat brown-paper-wrapped packages going out from patients and duty personnel of the hospital are getting bigger every day.

The day last week that the deadline on packages over five pounds went into effect (courtesy of the coal strike) business was really rushing, and even if you couldn't see the gaily colored Christmas gift wrappings through the brown paper, you got the Christmas spirit anyway, if your imagination was in good working order.

Mail may come and mail may go, and the post office is where it does both those things constantly. Lots of people think of the post office only as a place to buy stamps and mail letters, but they should give it a second thought, and remember that they can also pay their bills and save money through the post office. They can pay their bills with postal notes (in amounts up to ten dollars for a flat fee of 10 cents) or money orders, and they can save their money through postal savings. Of course there are people who say they can't manage to save money if they pay their bills, but it's nice to handle things so you can do both.

One of the special services of the Letterman post office is cashing money orders for bed patients. The ward phones the post office and tells the amount needed, and Mr. Lease takes the money to the ward and cashes the money order.

Until June of this year, the Letterman post office was a contract station, operated by Army personnel, but at that time it was taken over by the Post Office Department, at the request of the Army.

Besides Mr. Lease, the superintendent, who has been with the department nearly 24 years, there are three other post office employees—James E. Quinn, former CPO in the Navy; George A. Perry, former first



PESTERED WITH PARCELS

The Letterman postal staff smiles even at the thought of bigger bundles to come. L. to R.—Mr. George A. Perry, Mr. Frederick J. Lease, Superintendent, Mr. James E. Quinn, and Mr. Lucas Madamba.

sergeant in the Army, and Lucas Madamba, who has been with the post office department 23 years.

The Locator Section, with detachment and civilian personnel, works with the post office personnel, maintaining the lists of current locations of Letterman personnel. The section is in charge of S/Sgt. Paul Q. Bird, and his assistants are Cpl. Cosmo A. F. Torracco, Pvt. Edward E. Carlson, Pvt. Robert J. Curto, Pvt. John J. Devine, Pvt. Jack W. Greer, Pvt. Gordon F. Kingsley, Pvt. Phillip E. Wernick, Mrs. Vera B. Garrison and Mrs. Frances G. McKinley. Personnel of the locator system deliver mail twice a day to the wards.

Regular post office hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a. m. to noon, Saturday. Money orders and registered mail are handled up to 4:15 p. m. daily and to 1:15 p. m. on Saturday.

Mr. Lease wishes to call attention to the fact that mail deposited in the post office after noon on Saturday is not handled until Monday morn-

ing. However, if it is mailed in the letterbox at the front door of the main hospital, it will be picked up on Saturday at 12:24 p. m. and 5:19 p. m. and on Sunday at 3:07 p. m.

The post office maintains a mail room for the detachment at the East Hospital in Building 1135. Hours of service are 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a. m. to noon, Saturday. Personnel on duty there are Cpl. Walter R. Bisbee, Pvt. Carl E. Sunderland, Pvt. Albert F. Vasek, Pvt. Dan C. Weatherly, and Pvt. Vittorio Zoanetti.

Philatelists at Letterman are fortunate in having a fellow-philatelist on the post office staff—George Perry. When the new stamps are issued George is on the job to keep the members of the Letterman Stamp Club and other stamp collectors at the hospital informed, so they can make the desired additions to their collections without delay.

Like every other busy business, the post office has problems. Mr. Lease suggests that it might be a

good idea if patients and duty personnel would ask their correspondents to include the serial number when addressing letters. Reason: There are quite a few Johnsons, Smiths, Jones and Browns with identical first names and initials.

A recent problem the Letterman post office had to deal with was two blank sealed envelopes obviously containing communications, but bearing neither a return address or the name of the person to whom they were to be sent. The local post office is not permitted to open the mail to find out who sent it—it must be sent to the Dead Letter office. If, when it is opened there, the full name of the sender is signed, they may, knowing it was mailed at Letterman, be able to find out by contacting the writer of the letter where he wanted it sent. Naturally, all this takes time. So no one is advised to take this method of keeping his mail "Top Secret."

Remember! Do your Christmas mailing early and accurately.



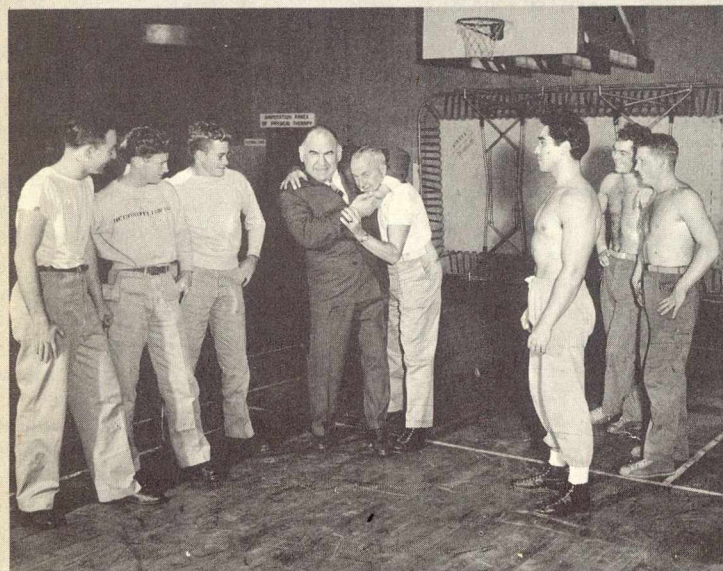
DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Dr. Vassili V. Parin, Secretary General of the Academy of Medical Sciences of U.S.S.R. and Professor of Physiology at the 3rd Soviet Institute, Moscow, (right) calls on the Commanding Officer before making a tour of Letterman. He was accompanied by Dr. Walter T. Harrison, USPHS.



THE MAN BEHIND THE BARS

Is the superintendent himself -- Mr. Frederick J. Lease



THE OLD MAESTRO

Ed "Strangler" Lewis demonstrates how the old timers took hold--and held.



IF YOU'RE HERE -- THEY'LL FIND YOU
The Staff of the Locator Section at work.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SERVICE

Adorning the face of the Washington Post Office building is the following quotation from Herodotus:

"Neither rain, nor heat, nor snow, nor gloom of night can stay these curriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

And the United States Post Office Department is best described by that quotation. It is the one branch of the governmental agencies that prides itself on the high quality of service rendered. It is the agency frequently called in on emergencies to perform duties not even closely allied to the dispatch of the mails and the postal service has never let the country down.

In keeping with the high standards of the department at large, Mr. William H. McCarthy, Postmaster of San Francisco, has taken a personal interest in the patients at Letterman by establishing a branch post office here for their convenience. He is well aware of the value of mail as a morale factor to the sick and wounded and his organization is represented by personnel of the department fully cognizant of their contribution to the contentment of the patients.

For the coming Christmas 'rush' the local staff has been instructed to extend the hours for conducting business, and the extra burden is taken in stride and with a smile for all

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Commanding Officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, pinning new golden leaves on the shoulder loops of Major Milton B. Smith promoted as of 3 December. Congratulations.

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Mrs. Alice H. Thompson in the shadow of Ed "Strangler" Lewis on his first visit to Letterman.

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Tech. Sgt. Charles Wilcox working on a newly developed system for beating the board at Bay Meadows.

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Captain Alfred L. Taro in seclusion with the re-writing of Hospital Regulations.

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Chaplain Albert F. Click back from the three months course at Chaplain's School and brimming over with knowledge, and Chaplain Hugh C. Busby moving down to Crissy Annex for his new field of labor.

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A card from Gloria Stockhausen Browne extolling the comforts of a quonset hut in San Diego. She married into the Navy.

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Charlie Carroll, ace boot black, maintaining his nickle shine is worth fifteen cents anywhere.

The Stork Was Here

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Liming, a girl, Sondra Kay, born 3 December.

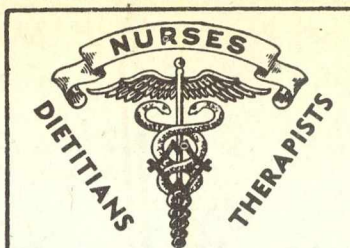
To Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Burdeen, a boy, David Louis, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 4 December.

To CWO and Mrs. Clarence E. Sowers, a boy, Dana Patrick, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 5 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Woodrow M. Wilson, a girl, Dorothea Jean, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 8 December.

who present themselves at the windows for service.

The men of the postal service will do their bit to make this a Merry Christmas and the patients express the wish that Christmas will likewise be a happy season for Mr. McCarthy and his subordinates.



Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider was called home to Cincinnati last week because of the illness of her mother.

Lieut. Mary Holke, the dietitian who delights in horses, is flashing a solitaire diamond ring, symbolic of her troth to Captain Darold Jenkins, of the Army Air Forces and Higginsville, Mo.

Captain Wilma Sledge is "sweating out" order to Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso. A TWX came in asking if the captain could be released by 9 December and after that—silence.

Two long time Lettermanites now in civil life were visitors here this week. Mrs. Mary Tyrrell Sharp and Miss Blanche Snyder dropped in to chat with some of the old timers. Mrs. Sharp is busy as a housewife in Alameda and Miss Snyder is with the Permanente Hospital in Oakland.

The separation process continues to claim some of our better known nurses. This week will witness the departure of Lieut. Mildred M. Callahan, Lieut. Doris U. Anker, and Lieut. Lois Bergendorf.

Christmas leaves of absence are in order and those flying to other climes for the holidays are Major Ann Benton and Lieut. Rebecca Amend. Traveling by the more prosaic mode are Captain Josephin Rosicky and Lorraine Greenough.

New arrivals for the staff are Lieut. Ida M. Weber from Halloran General Hospital and Lieut. Betty Beaudry, fresh from overseas and a 45 day leave of absence.

Lieut. Colonel Rosalie D. Colhoun, supervisor of nursing service of the Sixth Army area, is under orders to leave for duty in Japan on or about 18 December. Lieut. Colonel Joanna Peters will replace Col. Colhoun with the Sixth Army.

Others leaving for the San Francisco Port of Embarkation en route overseas next week are: Captain Philomena Pagano, Lieuts. Ethelyn Hughes, Barbara McGill, Frances P. McKay, Margaret M. McNamara, Theda Reed and Rosemary Perry.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 15, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Sympathy

The sympathy of the command is extended to Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Principal Chief Nurse, on the death of her mother which occurred late last week.

Presidio M.C.O. Club Entertains

The Presidio Non Commissioned Officers' Club opened the Yuletide season on Sunday last by playing host to a group of Letterman amputee patients at the club rooms.

Miss Ruth Simon was the hostess for the club and Frank Paone acted as the master of ceremonies at the floor in which the Misses Lorraine Mellin, Georgia Mayer, and Adis Asp were featured. The buffet supper was prepared by Mrs. Arnold Harmer and thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

Photographs were taken during the party and the patients will receive souvenir prints as a memento of a very happy evening.

A Free Ride Into The Army

(CNS)—If you can find a moral to the story—you are welcome to it. A couple of male hitch hikers were picked up by Lieutenant George P. Claston, a recruiting officer. A little farther on, Claston stopped again—this time for a former sergeant who just happened to be on his way to sign up with the army again.

The hitch hikers were then subjected to a string of stories about the good ol' times the lieutenant and sergeant had in the Army. The next stop was Salt Lake City where the lieutenant made it three more for "Make It A Million."

WAC OF THE WEEK



SILVIA WINER
Staff Sergeant

They call her "Wisecracking Winer" or "The Girl With a Laugh in Every Line" and it's all true. S/Sgt. Silvia Winer is adept at the art of making people laugh, and people who can do that are really useful citizens, and they're all too rare. That happy-go-lucky nature of hers makes a lot of friends for her.

Silvia was born in Portland, Oregon, and says she spent 20 years and one month of her life there among the scenic wonders of the great Pacific Northwest before she deserted it all to enlist in the WAC in February 1945. She wanted to be a medical technician, and was mighty disappointed when, after she completed her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was told that she was among the group that had been chosen to go to Medical Clerk's School instead.

Being a good soldier she didn't grouse (what are we saying?), and her reward was that she has liked her Army assignments very much. The first was at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, where she worked in the Judge Advocate's office and the Army Ground Forces Liaison office. Seven months after she arrived the hospital was closed and Silvia came to Letterman, in January 1946. Here she was assigned to the Hospital Inspector's office, which has remained her one and only—and very well-liked—duty to LGH.

She has signed up for the duration plus six months, and says she hasn't any plans for what's to happen after that. Silvia's free time is divided between her two favorite pastimes—swimming for activity and knitting for relaxation. She's an expert in handwork, including knitting, crocheting and embroidering, and her friends are the lucky recipients of handmade gifts from bed-jackets and sweaters to embroidered guest towels.

Top Nazis Had Mediocre Mentalities

U.S. Army Prison Psychiatrist Reveals

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Camp Newspaper Service

Goering, von Ribbentrop, and Streicher were possessed of three different types of obsessions and were representative of the 18 other high Nazi leaders tried by the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, declared Lt. Col. Leon Goldensohn, a New York doctor who served as prison psychiatrist during the war crimes trials.

Col. Goldensohn spent seven months beside the accused Nazis and found that they were all of mediocre mentality, had poor tastes, and that only in a Fascist-type organization could such people reach such high governmental positions.

While serving with the International Military Tribunal, Col. Goldensohn also came in contact with the 23 German doctors recently arraigned as the Tribunal set the stage for the second series of war crimes trials en masse of former Nazi war leaders.

"Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician, was constantly with me in the condemned Nazis' cells," Col. Goldensohn reported, "but Army secrecy commitments make it impossible for me to mention my dealings with him or the other German doctors until after the trials are over."

Also on trial for their lives are Sigfried Handloser, medical chief of the German armed forces, and a woman physician, Herta Oberhauser, said to have aided in experiments in a Nazi search for a method to sterilize millions of peo-

ple in a minimum of time.

However, Col. Goldensohn spoke freely concerning the mental state of the German big three—Goering, von Ribbentrop, and Streicher.

"Goering was very sagacious and maintained a very false type of loyalty toward Hitler," declared the recently returned prison psychiatrist. "He was not the polished wit reported. He simply refused to answer questions and evaded issues in a seemingly clever but very direct way.

"Von Ribbentrop was an opportunist, a parasitic type of man who would attach himself to anyone offering the greatest inducement. Streicher was obsessed with a persecution complex and utilized anti-Semitism as a means to ease his very dull mind."

He maintained that all the condemned Nazis were of weak character, basing this finding on the fact that Hitler, a weak man himself, always appointed a similar type to high positions.

"It was propaganda rather than sound mentality and actual accomplishments that enabled these Germans to climb to their top positions in the Nazi state."

The psychiatrist said that the general character of the average German mind made the indoctrination of propaganda very successful.

Regarding the coming trials of the German medicos, he unofficially agreed with certain claims made by the American Medical Association that "not the slightest good has come to mankind as the result of the sadistic experiments performed by German physicians."



MARTIN MALONE
Sergeant

Seeing that name Martin Malone may not properly identify him for a lot of people who know him and think of him as "Marty" Malone, but Martin is the formal name for signing on the dotted line and things like that. Marty is a physical instructor at the Letterman gym, where he does remedial work with the patients.

He was born and grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, and got in a semester of work at Kansas City Junior College before he came into the Army in August. After a month at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he was sent to O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri. He had his medical basic training at Camp Crowder, and returned to O'Reilly. He was assigned to the gym there, and remained until September 1945, when he asked for and got a transfer to Letterman.

He has a sister in Los Angeles, but it's more than that that takes him to the southern part of the state so frequently. It seems there's a lovely Spanish girl in Los Angeles that gets a good many letters from Marty. But of course being there in person is better, especially when your favorite pastime is dancing, as his is, with jitterbug in top place. So whenever possible, Marty goes to Los Angeles, which is his favorite spot in California.

Marty likes to write, and intends to major in journalism and physical education when he goes back to college when he gets out of the Army shortly after the first of next year. He plans to go back for a time to K.C. Junior College, and may finish up at U.C.L.A. Sports writing is his destination, and he has worked on the junior college paper, a Kansas City daily, and the O'Reilly General Hospital paper, the "Shamrock," doing sports writing on all these publications.

Two Points, Joe!



Wheel-chairs are no impediments to these sports-minded ex-servicemen. A field goal is in the making as these disabled veterans whiz around the Cushing (Mass.) Veterans Hospital gymnasium, playing a rapid game of basketball. Teams are composed of veterans from different wards.

WAC

Sylvia Winer didn't spend all those hours by the mirror for nothing, you know. But then our "Silv" is the "Wac of Every Week."

How barren our lives would be without Viola Collings to give us our fresh linen, and keep our clothes from appearing too tattered.

With "Pretending" destined to be No. One on the hit parade, how can Margie Byrnes be so tired of pretending? Well, "That's the way it is."

All our boys seem to be recovering more rapidly—that's 'cause Ruby MacAttee is now scrub nurse. That is exactly the job she wanted! We are happy about it too Ruby.

In addition to her work in surgery, Frannie Rozmarynowski is making plans for her future, by attending business school.

San Francisco has more than night clubs to intrigue Hannah Goldberg. She is dashing about like a little bee, going to ballets, concerts and plays.

The display of gifts on Caroline Powers' bunk, indicates a great appreciation on the part of her patients.

The 6th Army bequeathed us a prize. The name is Elizabeth Hess. Please like your stay, because we like you.

It's no wonder Bobbie "Rags" Gauldings' car had to be overhauled. It might be due to hauling us over to the mess hall, P.X. and other places.

Aside from taking care of all the daily tasks that need attention in the WAC orderly room, Margaret Brady is helping in the Out Patient Clinic from 1300 to 1600 daily.

Something new and different is at our disposal. Many are not familiar with the Service Club. Numerous privileges and advantages are being offered.

Plans are being made to include everyone in future activities, but they cannot be carried out without your complete co-operation. With just a little interest and enthusiasm we must make this a success. Special Services is making a special effort to make this your Service club. You are to feel free to plan on having any form of activity YOU want, at the Service Club! Just name it. You will be better informed very soon.

EVERYTHING FROM STENOTYPY TO MOVIE-MAKING IS ON HER LIST



Mrs. ISABEL HOPP
Petite is the word.

There aren't many people who can truthfully be called petite, that engaging French word that the English dictionary interprets as "of diminutive feminine form," but Letterman's candidate for the adjective is Mrs. Isabel Hopp, who is small and gay and curly-headed. She responds amiably to the nickname of "Toots," but someone has suggested another that might suit her better. It's "Skip," as in hop, skip and jump, which would make it Skip Hopp instead of hop, skip. (All right, so puns are inexcusable—but some people like them.)

Mrs. Hopp does secretarial work in Surgical Service, and takes dictation on that speedy device, the stenotype. She does work for both Colonel Leonard Heaton and Lt. Col. Walter Matuska.

She is the wife of Lt. Col. Eugene S. Hopp, who was on the Letterman staff in EENT for four years. Since his return to civilian life, Colonel Hopp has resumed private practice

here in San Francisco.

Mrs. Hopp says that though she has worked for the government for several years, she likes Letterman better than any of the other places she has worked.

She is from Lewiston, Idaho, and her first government job was with the CCC there. Later she transferred to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and it was there that she met Colonel Hopp. They were married in 1940, and when he was assigned to duty at Letterman, Mrs. Hopp transferred to the Presidio, where she was with Military Intelligence. She came to Letterman in 1944.

Mrs. Hopp likes to go horseback riding in the Marin hills, and she enjoys golf and ice skating and dancing. Both she and her husband have the hobby of movie-making, and she says she gets the assignment of editing the pictures they take and getting them into shape for showing to their friends at home movie evenings.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Letterman detachment team promises to be the best we have had in recent years. On Friday evening last our team bested the Alameda Naval Air Station quintet by a score of 45-32. Art Miller displayed brilliant form as he landed four goals and three free throws to tie Marty Malone for high point honors.

Here is the dope on the cagers:

Pfc. Art Miller, 6', 160 pounds, guard. Art is the steadiest and most dependable man on the squad. A good all-around athlete he was twice selected an all-state basketballer. In addition he is city golf champion of Muscatine, Iowa, and ran the 880-yard dash in 2:02 to capture the Little Six crown. Started at guard last year for Washington University.

Pfc. Lloyd Schoneman, 5' 11", 165 pounds, forward. A graduate of San Diego's Hoover High where he lettered in basketball, track and golf. Lloyd was one of the best middle-distance runners in his school's history and has an athletic scholarship to U.S.C. California's fourth ranking prep school golfer in '45.

Pfc. James Macholtz, 6', 195 pounds, guard. Jim hails from St. Joe, Michigan, where he won high school honors in football, basketball and baseball. Started at end on the Letterman football team until football was abandoned. Always full of hustle Jim is probably the best rebounder on the team.

T/4 Fred Haun, 6' 2", 190 pounds, center. A Portland, Oregon, boy, Fred is just beginning to round into shape and is fast becoming a valuable asset to Coach Hicks' style of play. He is a tough rebounder and a good shot. Attended Georgia Tech.

Pfc. Mike Levinson, 6' 2½", 185 pounds, guard. Mike plays a good guard, an excellent shot and a strong defensive man. He is a St. Louis, Missouri boy and a graduate of Washington University. At present Mike is a patient and will be absent from the team for two weeks.

Sgt. Marty Malone, 5' 7½", 145 pounds, forward. The smallest player on the squad but leading scorer. Played two years high school ball and captained the Kansas City Juniors College team in '45.

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Learning how to listen to music is popular, and for a good reason. Those who have learned to listen take a pleasure in music that others never suspect. In learning how to listen to music you will find a whole new experience opening up to you and you will discover that the better you understand what you hear, the greater the pleasure you will take in it.

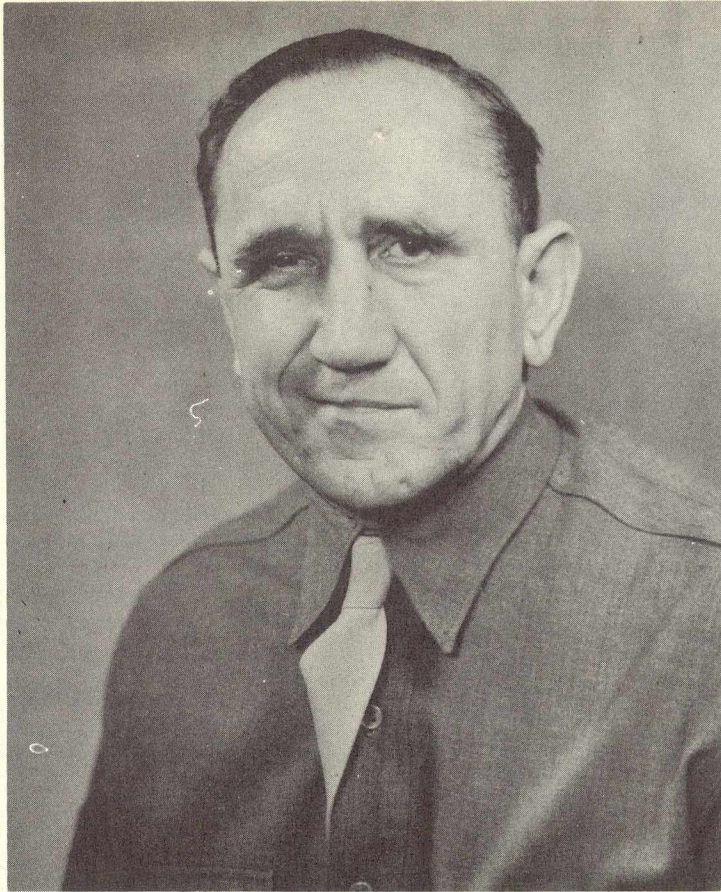
The only reason that music and the other arts exists at all is because people take a very special kind of delight in them. Music and art are not what practical men would call practical matters; they do not warm, house, clothe, or feed us. Nevertheless, from time immemorial people have put such high value on music and art that they have been willing to spend on them vast amounts of time, energy, and money. Men have created the arts and they keep them alive because they find in them a satisfaction they can't get anywhere else.

Now, in learning to listen to music, we take the point of view of the person for whom the composer writes, the performer plays, and the singer sings. The composer, player, or singer is saying something to us, and the more we understand, the better we like what is being said. Take, for example, a man for whom a concert has always been an interminable bore, who is restless, unhappy, who finds a Beethoven symphony or a Wagner opera an endless jumble of sounds. Contrast this man with one who finds music full of interest and whose pleasure increases each time he hears it. It is the second man who is to be envied, who is getting the full worth of one of the good things life has to offer. It is he who has learned how to listen to music.

Do you need a special kind of talent in order to listen to music and understand what you hear? For almost everyone, the answer to this question is "no." You need but two things: normal ears and some hints on what to listen for.

Sgt. Wagner, located in the Red Cross Recreation Hall, has an extraordinary collection which he is willing and has been most generous in sharing with those who enjoy music as well as those who just listen because "they like it." Trying to appreciate music, however, without listening to some of it is like learning to swim out of water.

FIRST TWENTY YEARS NEARLY OVER: HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT THIRTY!



Staff Sergeant STEVE MELINEC
Unit Supply Sergeant

Next year Staff Sergeant Steve Melinec will complete his first 20 years in the Army, but being a 30-year man, it will just be the two-thirds marker to him. So far he's accomplished 19 years and three months of the 20, and he still likes the Army and likes his work. This is his second tour of duty at Letterman. He spent the five years from 1925 to 1940 here, and at that time worked on the wards. He came back in 1945, after his return from overseas duty.

Sergeant Melinec is now unit supply sergeant for the detachment, dealing with the many problems involved in supplying the needs of over 1000 men, and he admits it does have its problems. But he's used to problems and knows how to solve them.

He is from Owosso, Michigan, and joined the Army in Detroit in 1927. After three years at Fort Wayne, Michigan, with the 2d Infantry, his next tour of duty was in Hawaii. He spent five years at Scofield Barracks

with the 27th Infantry, the famous "Wolfhounds." He came first to Letterman in 1935 as a patient, and when he returned to duty he transferred from the Infantry to the Medical Corps, and remained here.

He was assigned to the 3d Medical Battalion, and after moving around from Fort Ord to Fort Lewis to Fort Scott to Fort Baker to March Field, went overseas in August 1943. His overseas service also involved a lot of travel. He spent time in England, Egypt, Palestine, Iran, Russia and Italy.

"I got back to the United States just before V-J Day, on the tenth of August 1945," he says, "and I was never so happy in my life as I was to get home again. I wanted to try to forget the pitiful things I saw while I was overseas."

He spent a 30-day furlough getting acquainted with San Francisco all over again, and then, after a brief time at Fort Lewis, Washington, he came back to Letterman.

Sergeant Melinec was married in

CIVIL CIRCLES

Wedding bells will ring in Reno for Lillian Wickstrom, secretary on ward 41, and Robert Robbinett, athletic instructor from Porterville. It will take place at The Century Club and Lillian's two sisters will take their place in the bridal procession. Our best wishes and happiness to you.

From Medical Supply comes the news that Helen Pollack and Sgt. Robert Walker were united in marriage last week. Their many friends at Letterman wish them much happiness.

Chris Gannon, Machine Shop, reports a very successful hunting season by getting his limit of pheasants while on leave in Colusa County.

Virginia DeTrana, Out Patient Branch, is Chicago-bound for the holidays. She will have a White Christmas, but her gifts will be from California.

Del Mar is the destination of Harriet Baken, Reconditioning Section, where she will spend the holidays with her sister.

Holiday plans made by the Strunk sisters, Shirley, Out Patient Branch, and Betty, Reconditioning, include a train ride to Grants Pass, Oregon, and a reunion with their family.

Fred Crawford, Dental Clinic, reports he will have plenty of time to complete his Christmas list when he takes two weeks leave during the holidays.

Mary McFadden, Public Relations, is covering a lot of territory during her week's leave. She visited with friends in Modesto over the weekend and will be in Sacramento during the week.

A "Welcome to Letterman" to Carol Lassiter, who reported to duty in the Laundry last week. Carol is a transfer from Herlong, California, and finds San Francisco as well as Letterman an ideal spot.

1940, and his wife, Nan, is also at Letterman, and works on ward H. She has been with the hospital since 1943.

Sports are Sergeant Melinec's favorite off-duty pastime. He used to play baseball, football and basketball, "but now I watch the other fellows play," he says. He is active in the American Legion, and is a member of Emil J. Nelson Post 590 here in San Francisco.

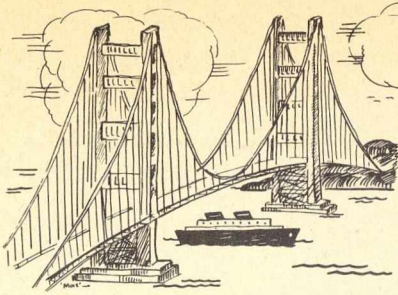


Busy Yuletide Calendar Promises Happy Holidays For Lettermen Personnel

1946 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
DECEMBER 31		
1330—	Christmas Party, Oak St. USO	Off Post
1430—	Christmas Decorating Party	YMCA
1800—	Movie	Recreation Center
2000—	Standard Oil Broadcast at Opera House	Off Post
2000—	Christmas Musical	YMCA
DECEMBER 16		
1900—	Christmas Decorating Party	Recreation Center
1915—	Stage Show	YMCA
0700—	Anglers Club	Off Post
1130—	Baymeadows	Off Post
1930—	Christmas Party, 555 Baker St., (Eastern Star)	Off Post
2030—	Gift Bingo Party	YMCA
DECEMBER 17		
1300—	Riding Club	Off Post
1930—	Ice Skating	Off Post
2000—	Carol Group Craft Night	YMCA
DECEMBER 18		
1230—	Sightseeing Trip	Off Post
1800—	Movies	Recreation Center
2000—	Pre-Christmas Dance	YMCA
DECEMBER 19		
0700—	Anglers Club	Off Post
1230—	Bicycle Club	Off Post
1400—	Claremont Hotel Band (SS)	Recreation Center
1130—	Baymeadows	Off Post
1800—	Movies	Recreation Center
1830—	Christmas Party, Park Presidio Civic Club	Off Post
1930—	Hanuka Party, Temple Emmanuel	Off Post
1945—	San Fran Symphony	Off Post
2000—	Choral Group	YMCA
DECEMBER 20		
1400—	San Fran Symphony	Off Post
1900—	Christmas Party	Recreation Center
1900—	Stage Show (Baymeadows)	YMCA
DECEMBER 21		
1400—	Children's Christmas Party	Recreation Center
1800—	Movie (Christmas Carol—Dickens)	Recreation Center
2000—	Juke Box Christmas Cabaret and Special Floor Show	YMCA
DECEMBER 22		
1000—	Coffee Hour	Recreation Center
1400—	Christmas Party for Japanese patients (Upstairs room)	Recreation Center
1400—	(East Hospital Service Club) Hanuka Party	Off Post
1430—	Stage Show	YMCA
1800—	Movie (Christmas Carol—Dickens)	Recreation Center

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
1900—	Sightseeing trip (Christmas lights)	Off Post
2000—	Musical	YMCA
DECEMBER 23		
1900—	United Nations Christmas Party	Recreation Center
0700—	Anglers Club	Off Post
1130—	Baymeadows	Off Post
1915—	Bal Tabarin cast in Stage Show	YMCA
2000—	Bank Bingo	YMCA
DECEMBER 24		
1800—	Movies	Recreation Center
1830—	Tour of Carolers	YMCA
1930—	Ice Skating	Off Post
1930—	Distribution of gifts—Refreshments	YMCA
DECEMBER 25		
All Day—	Open House	YMCA
1000—	Coffee Hour	Recreation Center
1400—	Open House (Everybody)	Recreation Center
1800—	Movies (SS)	Recreation Center
2000—	Formal Dance	YMCA
DECEMBER 26		
0700—	Anglers Club	Off Post
1230—	Bicycle Club and Sightseeing	Off Post
1900—	San Fran Symphony	Off Post
1900—	Singin' Sad Sack	Recreation Center
2000—	Movies	Recreation Center
DECEMBER 27		
1900—	San Fran Symphony	Off Post
1900—	Braden's Follies	Recreation Center
DECEMBER 28		
1800—	Movies	Recreation Center
2000—	Juke Box Cabaret	YMCA
DECEMBER 29		
1000—	Coffee Hour	Recreation Center
1800—	Movies	Recreation Center
2000—	Lobby Musical	YMCA
DECEMBER 30		
1900—	New Years Eve Party	Recreation Center
1915—	USO Camp Show	YMCA
DECEMBER 31		
1915—	Gala New Years Eve Party—Stage Show, etc.	YMCA
1930—	Ice Skating	Off Post
JANUARY 1		
0900—	Breakfast on Nob Hill Broadcast	Off Post
1400—	Open House	Recreation Center
1430—	New Years House Party	YMCA
2000—	New Years Dance	YMCA



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Two Weeks of Christmas Events At Letterman

Though Letterman patients may be "dreaming of a white Christmas" and waking to a green one, it's bound to be a merry Christmas, because holiday festivities which began on December 15 and will continue through New Year's Day will make it so.

There will be Christmas parties both on and off the post, stage shows, a bus trip to take patients to see the Christmas decorations and trees in the residential sections of San Francisco, choristers singing Christmas carols on the wards, and a special children's Christmas party this afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Recreation Center.

The activities at the Recreation Center, which include a United Nations Christmas party on Monday evening at 7 p. m., are supervised by the Red Cross. There will be a stage show Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the YMCA, and on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p. m. Christmas gifts will be distributed at the Y.

The American Legion is giving a gift to every patient in the hospital, and Bank of America employees are continuing their annual custom of sending gifts for the patients. A number of San Francisco schools where Junior Red Cross activities are carried on have sent Christmas trees and decorations for the hospital wards. B'Nai B'rith, San Francisco Lodge No. 47, is sending Christmas gifts for the patients, and will give a special program at Letterman the day after Christmas.

Five patients from Letterman left by plane for Christmas at home this week. The trip was a gift of the Army Air Transport Command. Those who went were First Lt. Loren

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CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

After twenty years absence it is a privilege for me to come back to Letterman. It is an inspiration to note that the famed "Spirit of Letterman" still endures in the hearts and minds of those who minister to the sick and wounded given into our care.

The shout and tumult of war have given way to the quiet of peace but the scars of conflict remain. It is our mission to heal the scars of those who still require the solace of our assistance on the road back to health. You are fulfilling that mission in keeping with the best traditions of the service.

It is a privilege to command Letterman General Hospital. It entails broad responsibilities but the assurance of your continued loyalty will make it possible to discharge our obligations while adding to the eminence this hospital enjoys throughout the army.

To you, the duty personnel, in the satisfaction of a job well done, and to the patients under our care, I wish to express the hope that this Yul tide season may be a very happy time.

DEAN F. WINN
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

CHRISTMAS

Army Tests Tell Uses and Value Of Streptomycin

The new anti-infection agent, streptomycin, which is in the same general class as penicillin, appears effective in appropriate doses against more than half the infective bacterial organisms ordinarily encountered by surgeons, according to the report to The Surgeon General's office from the Halloran General Hospital. Clinical studies of the use of the drug throughout the army have been submitted and evaluated at Halloran.

On the other hand, it apparently has specific poisonous effects when given over an extended period, and bacteria soon become resistant to it so that it probably can be used only once with maximum effect within a limited period on the same patient.

The drug became available only late in the war and is still scarce and expensive.

Army experience with the drug is probably the most extensive to date due to the ability to compile and follow results. Outside the services because of limited opportunities to observe results in large numbers there have been varied, and sometimes quite exaggerated, reports on its value and it often is referred to popularly as a "miracle drug." From the first careful observations of its effects have been carried out by army doctors by orders of The Surgeon General, and these are being continued. The findings to date are summarized in the Army Medical Bulletin of November 1946.

The observation of the ability of bacteria to develop resistance to the drug after a few days may be of particular importance at this time. The same has been noted in respect to both the sulfa drugs and penicillin, but apparently the phenomenon is more pronounced with streptomycin.

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MORE ABOUT VALUE OF STREPTOMYCIN

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In at least one case, test tube experiments showed, there was a 100-fold increase of the resistance of an organism in ten days. Given indiscriminately, the drug may lose any value for a particular type of infection in an individual for the rest of his life. Improper use may cause variation and selection in disease agents so that streptomycin is no longer effective for the infection where it is of greatest value at the present time.

Bacteria, on the basis of certain chemical reactions, ordinarily are divided into two classes—gram positive and gram negative. The new drug, in test tube experiments, seems effective in varying concentrations, against 60 per cent gram positive and 80 per cent gram negative organisms ordinarily encountered in surgery.

Of paramount importance, is determination whether a specific micro-organism is susceptible to the drug before it is administered by mouth, by injection, or direct application.

The army experience bears out previous claims that streptomycin is of especial value in clearing up infections of the urinary tract, provided that the organisms causing the infections are susceptible ones. If the treatment is not entirely effective in three days ordinarily no good results can be expected from its continuation. In gonorrheal infection which has proved resistant to both sulfadiazine and penicillin outstanding results have been obtained.

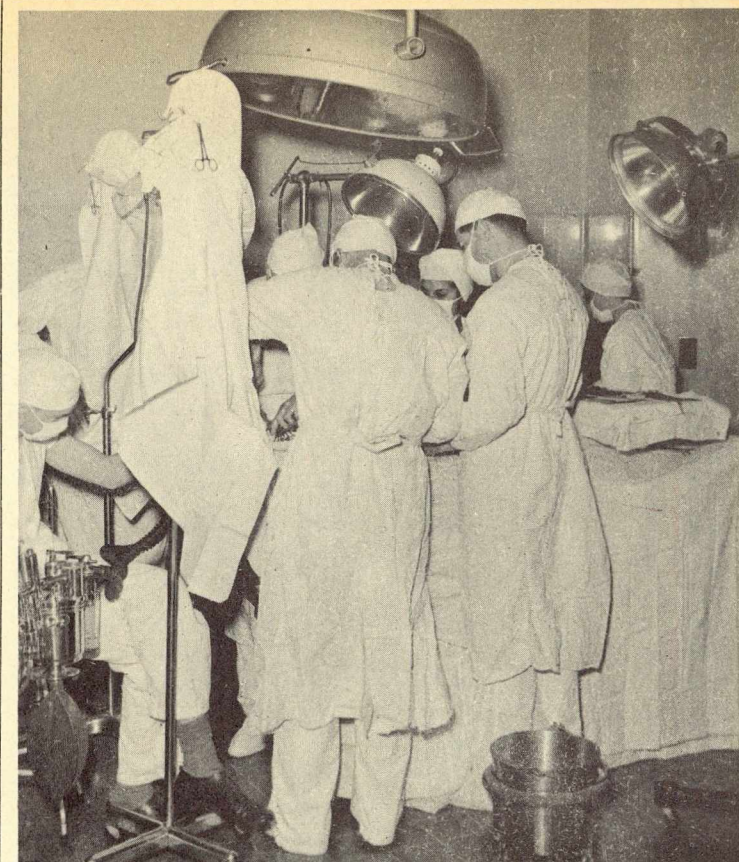
Use in army hospitals gives no support to claims that the drug is of value in infections of the prostate. The drug is not concentrated in that organ.

It was found to have very little value against bone infections, except when used in conjunction with surgery where there could be direct application.

Thus far streptomycin has not given dramatic results in peritonitis, but its continued use as an auxiliary treatment seems justified.

In various dysenteries due to susceptible bacteria considerable benefit has been noted, sometimes when the drug is given by mouth alone.

In septicemia—still provided that the organism responsible for the infection is a susceptible one—streptomycin



STREPTOMYCIN IN SURGERY
This scarce drug appears effective in appropriate doses against more than half the infective bacterial organisms ordinarily encountered by surgeons.

tomycin has proved very effective, but it is still essential that unapproachable foci of infection be removed by surgery.

The substance has little value, so far as the army experience goes, against typhoid fever and it is apparently of no use in controlling carriers of this disease.

In undulant fever there have been apparent clinical arrests of the infection from the combined use of streptomycin and sulfadiazine after each drug given alone had failed. Further study will be required, however, before any valid conclusions can be reported.

It is very effective against tularemia, or rabbit fever, provided the specific organism responsible has been demonstrated in test tube experiments to be susceptible to the drug.

Up to date experience with only a few cases of meningitis have been reported and the results, in conjunction with other treatments, have been quite good. The Army doctors found, however, that it must be

given by injection into the space between the thick membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord and the brain or spinal cord tissue. Circulating in the blood stream, it cannot pass this barrier to reach the infecting organisms.

Excellent results have been obtained with direct application of the drug to infections of the external ear, the pleural cavities and the brain. Infections elsewhere will not reach local foci of infection in sufficient concentration to be effective.

One of the hopes of the medical profession has been that streptomycin would prove of some value against tuberculosis. The army experience neither confirms nor refutes this since a much longer series of investigations will be required before there can be any valid conclusions.

Balances against the demonstrated value of streptomycin in suitable cases are some apparently toxic effects. Some of these are probably due to impurities in the drug but others seem to be specific for the

Arrowheads

Several instances of unauthorized wearing of the Bronze Indian Arrowhead have been noted. The attention of all military personnel is directed to paragraph 7, War Department Circular No. 56, 1946, with reference to the wearing of the Arrowhead.

The bronze Indian Arrowhead is authorized for wear on the appropriate service ribbons to indicate participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing or initial assault landing on a hostile shore as announced in War Department General Orders.

An individual is eligible for the Arrowhead provided:

a. He made a combat parachute jump or combat glider landing into enemy-held territory as an assigned or attached member of an organized force, carrying out an assigned, tactical mission.

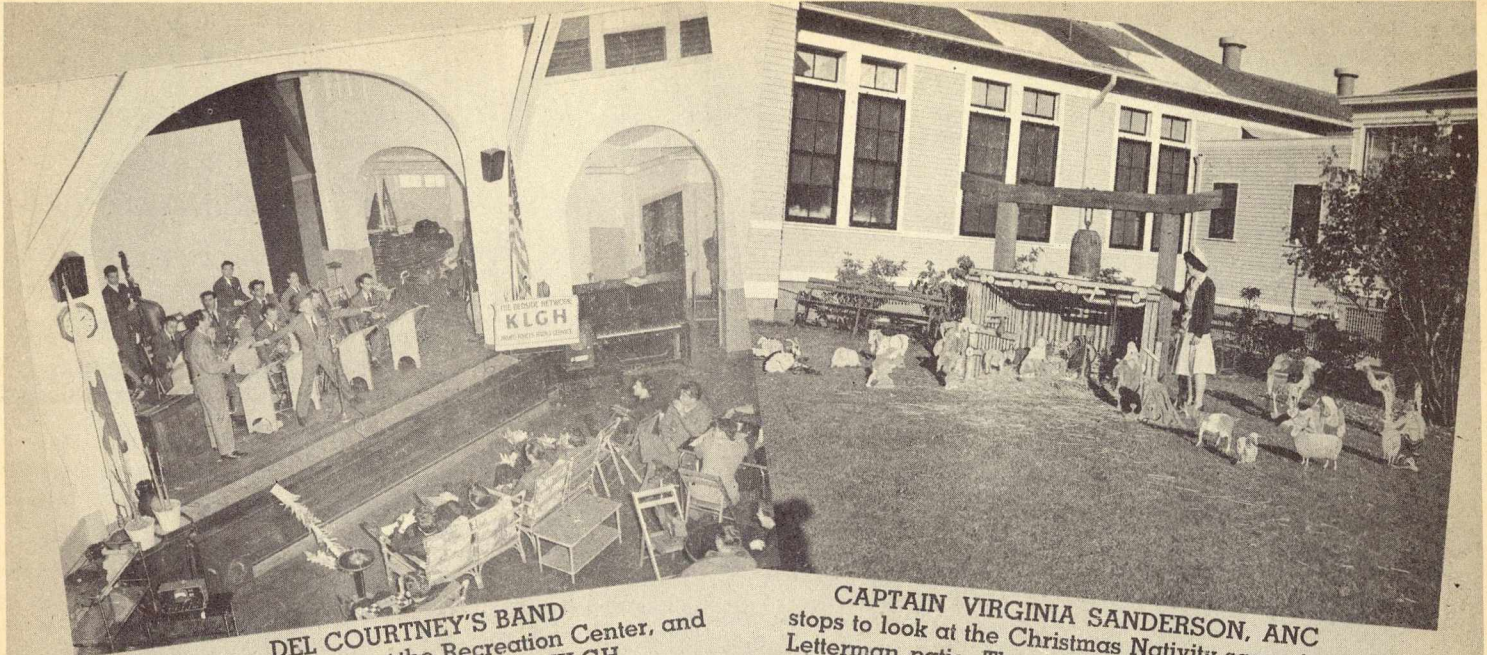
b. He went ashore in the assault waves of an amphibious landing on enemy-held territory as an assigned or attached member of an organized force, carrying out an assigned, tactical mission.

The Arrowhead will be worn with point up, in a vertical position, and to the wearer's right of all service stars on the service ribbon. Only one Arrowhead will be worn on any service ribbon. The unauthorized wearing of Arrowheads will be discontinued.

Thought is, perhaps, the forerunner and even the mother of ideas, and ideas are the most powerful and the most useful things in the world—George Gardner.

drug itself. The most serious of these is what seems to be an irreversible damage to part of the eighth cranial nerve which appears when streptomycin is given in large doses by injection for more than 10 days. This means that one's sense of balance may be disturbed for a long time, with possible attacks of dizziness and nausea. This was found in two army cases. A third patient showed partial deafness, indicating that there had been a poisonous effect on the other portion of the eighth cranial nerve, which is the path of hearing. Toxic effects also were noted on the kidneys. All this demonstrated that the drug should be given only by physicians, and then only after careful consideration of the organisms involved and the safe dosage.

WHAT THE CAMERA EYE SAW THIS WEEK AT LETTERMAN

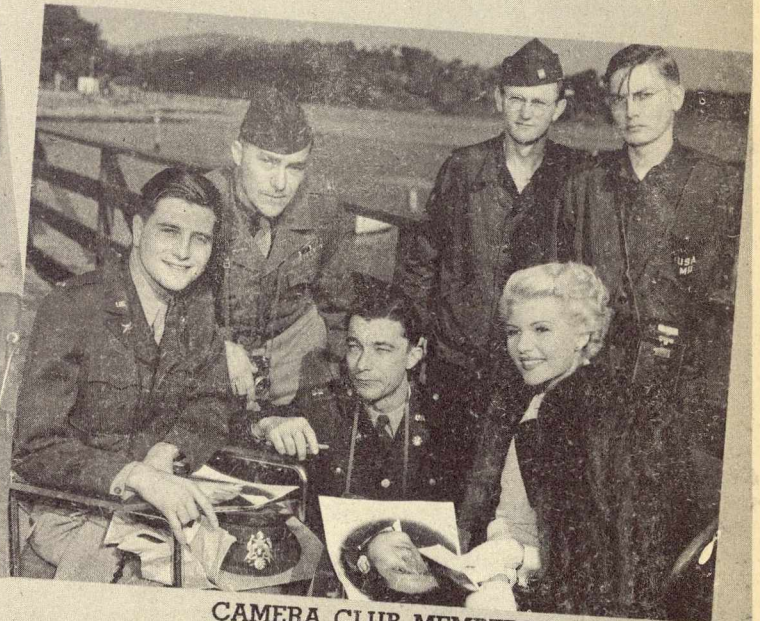


DEL COURTNEY'S BAND
from the Palace plays at the Recreation Center, and
their show is broadcast over KLGH.

CAPTAIN VIRGINIA SANDERSON, ANC
stops to look at the Christmas Nativity scene in the
Letterman patio. The group was loaned by Mrs.
Heacock of San Francisco.



LETTERMAN AMPUTEES
are entertained by the Presidio NCO Club at a pre-
Christmas party



CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS
pose with Rita Hayworth and present her with a
picture they took of her husband, Orson Welles.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The main thing people are trying to do at Christmas is to make other people happy. The rest of the time they're mostly trying to make themselves happy. All year they make promises to themselves to do this or that to satisfy their own desires, and a good deal of the time they don't live up to their promises to themselves. Then they get that let down feeling.

But at Christmas it's different. You never hear of anyone making out a Christmas list and then saying "Why bother? I'm too busy to take care of the things on that list." No, They wouldn't disappoint the people they want to make happy. So they rush around and shop for things to make friends and family happy. They get tired and they wish Christmas didn't take so much preparation, and they get mad at the Christmas crowds, but they keep on.

They buy the gifts and they wrap them lovingly, and they imagine how each gift will be received with joy, and all of a sudden the tiredness and the impatience is swept away, and they know that Christmas is fun because Christmas is giving. Giving not only gifts, but giving their energy and their thoughtfulness and themselves.

Some people go on doing this all year, not always a material giving, but an intangible giving of consideration for others. They're the ones who realize that the individual has a



Congratulations on promotions from Second to First Lieutenant go this week to Lieutenants Pauline Smith and Provida Esteran, ANC.

The former Captain Mary Maude Maslin, now a civilian, dropped in at the hospital to visit friends this week. She spent some time in the East after her discharge from the Army, and is now about to leave for Seattle with her mother to spend the holidays with friends.

On December 28 Lt. Miriam Crouch will become the bride of Lt. Eugene McEwen Towne, who is at present a patient at Letterman. The wedding will be at St. Leo's Church in San Jose, at a nuptial Mass, and will be followed by a reception at the home of Lieutenant Towne's parents. It will be a double ring ceremony, and the bride will wear a white gown and veil. Her sister, Miss Josephine Crouch, will be her maid of honor, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Alice Louise Towne, sister of the groom, and Miss Patricia Latz. Following the ceremony, Lt. and Mrs. Towne will leave for a honeymoon in the redwoods.

Lts. Ruth Wall and Marjo Ferrell of Physical Therapy are still remembering with pleasure the delicious dinner of pheasants' breasts they enjoyed recently in Palo Alto.

Lt. Helen Tracy of the dietitians staff and Donald Satterberg will be married in Reno the day after Christmas, in a quiet ceremony at St. Stephen's Chapel. They will honeymoon in Reno.

Capt. Alvine L. Schmidt, ANC, has been welcomed back to Letterman for her second tour of duty here.

Off to civilian life are four members of the ANC—Lieutenants Laura Clark, Dorothy E. Dyas, Magdalen D. Fronsak and Audrey M. Gendron.

lot to do with making the "Christmas spirit" a year-round spirit. And if it seems that a few people doing that won't help much, try it sometime. The results will surprise you. In the meantime—Merry Christmas.

WAC

T/5 Sabina Szymkeiwicz surprised us all when she married S/Sgt. John D. Tracy on Dec. 16. Sgt. Tracy was liberated last year from a prison camp in Japan. He returned to the states after being imprisoned forty months. Their friends wish them the very happiest kind of future.

Two new girls came in last week from Camp Beale, both with a smile, and we need all the smiles we can get these days. So to Lilian Bort and Sue Burnett—a hearty welcome to LGH.

One of the most familiar faces in the orderly room is that of Elma Cain, who is being discharged from the WAC. The best to you, Sergeant Cain, but we hope that when you get back to West Virginia, you miss us just a little.

We wish a very happy birthday to Elizabeth Hess, Fran Rozmarynowski, and Mae Esani!

Will some one please donate a knife to a most worthy cause? We are tired of watching "Charlie" Morrison try to spread her bread with a tongue depressor (in the orderly room, while she's doing the morning report).

This Christmas holiday there are many girls confined to the hospital. Not only are there LGH WACs, but gals from numerous other stations. On Ward O-1 is Pvt. Chapman, Cpl. Van Xwol, and Sgt. Benvard; Ward P-1 has T/5 Olthin, Cpl. Slater, T/5 Miller, Cpl. Starbird, T/3 Anna Rooarda, and Sgt. Perfect, who was injured in a jeep accident a year ago in Germany. Sgt. Perfect has been a patient for some time and is now progressing nicely.

Ward G-1 is caring for our supply sergeant, Sgt. Collings, who escaped pneumonia by a narrow margin. She is much better now, so hurry up and come back to us, Vi—we need you. Others on G-1 are Pfc. Geddes, S/Sgt. McCann, T/5 Hall, and Cpls Warfel and O'Malley. Cpl. O'Malley expects to be discharged soon. We wish you all the very merriest Christmas ever, and sincerely hope you will be back to duty in a hurry.

Corporal Elizabeth Kirby, formerly assigned to Occupational Therapy, is now with Special Services and is on duty at the East Hospital Service Club. She's full of enthusiasm for her new job.

To our own Captain Chapin from her detachment goes a wish for a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Vet's Pocketbook Will Be Protected By These New Laws

(CNS)—A lot of shady individuals have tried to slip their insidious hands into the veteran's pocket. GI loans, war-time savings and liquidated war bonds have been come-ons for those trying to turn a crooked dollar.

Following World War I, in the lush "Twenties," veterans were milked dry at every possible opportunity. But then there was no Securities and Exchange Commission and only eight Better Business Bureaus. Now Better Business Bureaus number 100. The States, too, are better organized to cope with swindlers.

The SEC announced recently that its staff of enforcement of fraud violations was back to pre-war strength and ready to make things hot for nasty characters. States, also, have promised to crack down on "Smart-money" operators.

Assistant Attorney General John Powers reports that most of the cases handled by his office are of a relatively petty nature. He thinks that the day of large-scale frauds are past, and he is confident that inroads into veteran's capital will be minimized.

Confidence men keep a sharp eye open. One discovered a newspaper ad to the effect that a veteran had \$1,000 to invest. Immediately he was offered a job at \$75 a week in an engineering company, provided he invested his money in the concern. And that's no way to make a profit on an investment.

Dogface on pay day: "Money may talk but all mine ever says is "Good-bye."

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY ESANI
Technician Fifth Grade

If travel had been her reason for joining the WAC, T/5 Mary Esani certainly made the grade, having served the Army in seven states—Iowa, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia and California. That wasn't her reason, but she's glad it happened that way.

In case you wonder about that "Mary" Esani, when everyone knows her as Mae, it's because the Army discovered it was Mary on her birth certificate, so officially that's the way it is.

As to how she happened to join the WAC—she was working in the purchasing department at Kaiser Shipyard No. 3 in Richmond, and during a vacation visit to Long Beach to see her sister she also saw the Recruiting officer. It all happened on the spur of the moment—she and her sister came out of a theatre, saw the Recruiting office, and her sister said "Why don't you join the WAC?" Mae evidently makes snap decisions, and she made one then. Result: She was shortly thereafter on her way to Des Moines and basic training.

She came to Letterman in August of this year, and was assigned to duty in the Surgical Service office. It's her favorite Army assignment to date. "It took me a long time to get back to California," says Mae, "but I finally made it." She wanted to be here because she's from California—her home is in Martinez.

Mae's favorite off-duty pastime is golf, and she's a member of the Orinda Country Club. She likes tennis, too, but she doesn't have much time for these diversions because she works as cashier at the Post Theatre. This opportunity to see a lot of movies doesn't mean much to her, though. "I don't care much for movies, I've seen too many of them

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Lloyd Hede on C-2 wants to know do reindeer come in white as well as other colors, and he hopes they do, because the reindeer for his entry in the Red Cross Christmas contest are painted white. The answer is yes, they do come in white and they are albino reindeer. Lloyd has a very good-looking ring set with a cat's-eye which he found on one of the Pacific islands. He found the cat's-eye, that is, and had the ring made.

Charles Haggerty of C-2 is also one of the cat's-eye clan, having found two which he made into gift earrings. He had a comment to make about the ward, remarking that they're now having "less noise and more racket" at night, but he doesn't say what causes it. Since it's more quiet by day than by night, maybe he could sleep days and plan his waking hours for after dark?

Frank Lutz of C-2, having just had his cast removed, happily munches popcorn and listens, but doesn't commit himself on the question of the nightly noises.

Ralph Miles of D-1 didn't expect to go home for Christmas, but now that the impending surgery has been postponed, he's hoping to join his wife in Marysville for a happy holiday.

Tony Martinez of New Mexico, patient on D-1, looks ruefully at his cast and says "I hoped to go home for Christmas; I even told my family I'd be home. Guess I shouldn't have said that." He hasn't been home for Christmas in five years, but he did get to go home on a furlough in November, which helped.

Dale Kettlewood of Philadelphia, on D-1, is hopefully waiting for that ever-welcome discharge, and when he says "discharge," he says it with a smile.

On D-1 **Ralph West** of Pittsburg, California, and **James Smith** of Houston, Texas, eyed their bedside Christmas tree and agreed that they wouldn't open the gifts it held until Christmas. The trees, gifts from the pupils of the Commodore Sloat School in San Francisco, are gaily trimmed with glittering ornaments, popcorn chains, and a gift for each

made." Mae had these behind-the-scenes previews because her brother was the "Fatso" of the "Our Gang" comedies.

of the two patients who share each tree.

On E-2 they keep asking **James Ralph** of Chicago to repeat his definition of a doctor. He's rather reticent about it, though. Prefers to talk about how much he likes the cold weather back home, and things like that.

Paul Jansen of E-2 is an authority on marriage, it seems. In fact, he may decide against it. Well, yes and no. On the other hand, he's very fond of candy. Confusing, isn't it?

Richard Chambers, also on ward D-2, has a different problem. It's getting enough time into the day to take care of all his incoming phone calls. His pals say the voices are all feminine, and the conversations are measured not in minutes, but in hours.

Leroy Altman, **Pete Diloreto** and **George Spanner** were playing a furious game of hearts in ward F-2 on Altman's bed. They had carefully covered the bed with a newspaper, so as not to muss it, it says here. Of course under the paper were just a few cigarette ashes that wouldn't seem to brush off, so the protective covering worked both ways.

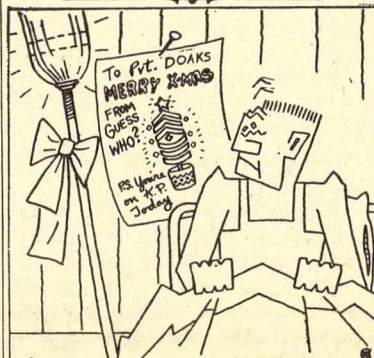
MORE ABOUT
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1)

J. Sullivan, First Lt. **Raymond E. White**, Pfc. **John Higbee**, Pfc. **Lyman Taylor** and Pfc. **Paul Shirley**. They will be flown back to Letterman by January 5.

Major Thomas Ward, Dietetics Director, has arranged for an especially good Christmas dinner to be served in the mess at noon on Christmas Day.

On Christmas morning Mass will be celebrated in the Letterman chapel at 6 and 8 a. m.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MISS MARIE SCHADD
Telephone Center

It means working on Christmas Day, but Marie Schadd, possessor of the best-known smile at Letterman, will be on hand when the Telephone Center holds open house on December 25. Marie is in charge of the Telephone Center, and she says she's glad to give up Christmas at home to be here to put through those long distance "Merry Christmas" calls for the patients.

She does have a word of advice, though, and suggests that those who can should put their calls through before Christmas Day, in order to avoid possible disappointment because of the holiday rush.

But whether patients intend to phone home or not, they're invited to the Open House, where telephone company hostesses will serve refreshments. The hostesses will also go on the ward to take cigarettes, candy, fruit and cookies to the bed patients, Marie says.

Marie has been on Army assignments for the telephone company ever since Pearl Harbor Day, when she was sent from Graystone central office to the Presidio. She still remembers one blackout alarm after December 7 when she and her friend **Tosca Costello**, who was also at the Presidio Exchange, got up at 2 a. m., dressed in the dark, and walked 19 blocks to the Post, only to have the all-clear sound as they arrived.

Marie asked to be transferred and came to Letterman in 1943, and since then has been "information bureau, mother and sister" to the patients, she says, as well as performing her major duty of getting the calls through.

She and her friend **Tosca** recently returned from a trip to New York, where Marie saw her 90-year-old grandfather, and her uncles and her cousins and her aunts, and visited on their estate in Long Island.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Giving out with the cigars on Tuesday was anything but a tiresome chore for Robert Giovannoli of Finance as he announced the arrival of a second heir, Richard, who weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces at birth. Christmas gifts come early in Marin County, it would seem.

Betsy Funston was welcomed back to Medical Supply Section after her illness of last week.

Lillian Jones of Dental Branch is planning a super post-Christmas trip. She and her twin sister and four friends will drive to Texas for the St. Mary's-Georgia Tech "Oil Bowl" game on New Year's Day, and the trip will include stops at Palm Springs and Arizona. Furthermore, they'll be driving a new Pontiac, which makes everything extra-special. So it's sure to be "Happy New Year, Lillian!"

Trips home for Christmas are on the calendar for many of the Letterman civilians. Pearl Robillard of Civilian Personnel has Washington as her destination, where she will spend the holiday with her sister.

June Grumstrup has had 21 December circled on her calendar for a long time, because that's the day she flies home to her family in Iowa, where she'll be certain of a white Christmas. People keep asking her to bring back a snowman.

Lillian Ferguson of Finance will hop a plane for Klamath Falls, Oregon, to visit the family she hasn't seen for nearly a year.

Helen Hoffman of Reconditioning and her husband will spend their merry Christmas at Pine Inn, Carmel.

The state of Montana is the holiday objective for Alice Torgerson of Finance, where she will visit her brother and his family.

Among the plane passengers this week was Jurgen Rasmussen of Finance, who took off for Louisiana, and planned a stopover in Los Angeles.

Merry Christmas to the travelers and to all the others, too.

And an extra-special Merry Christmas to the personnel of Payroll Branch, to thank them for their extra work in getting out the checks early, so that paychecks that no one expected until next Tuesday, December 24, were distributed yesterday as a holiday surprise.

TELLS ABOUT ARMY NURSE CORPS PROGRAM OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING



Lt. Col. KATHERINE BALTZ, ANC
Here from Washington on inspection trip.

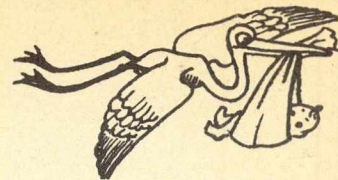
Lt. Col. Katherine Baltz, ANC, assistant for training to the Director of the Army Nurse Corps, was at Letterman recently on her trip of inspection of the nursing service at Army general hospitals, and spent a few days here.

"My primary mission is to set up the schools of anesthesiology for Army nurses," said Colonel Baltz. "The course starts 1 January, and will last 13 months, of which 11 will be spent in Army hospitals, and two in civilian institutions. It will provide training in the use of non-standard anesthetic agents, and will qualify those who take it to pass the qualifying examination set up by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Those who pass the examination will become registered anesthetists."

Colonel Baltz told of the Army's program of education for nurses, which also includes courses in operating room technic and management, psychiatric nursing and nursing education. The next class in psychiatric nursing, a five-month

course, will be at Brooke Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, beginning 15 February 1947. Requests to take the course should be in by 15 January, and should be sent to the Chief, Education and Training Division, Office of The Surgeon General, Washington 25, D. C. Regular Army nurses and reserve nurses in Category I with an efficiency index of 35 or more may apply.

Before World War II, Colonel Baltz, who trained at Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago and took her B.S. degree at the University of Minnesota, was general nursing arts instructor and instructing supervisor in surgical nursing at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. During the war she was chief nurse of the 12th General Hospital (Northwestern University Unit) and served in Africa, and in Naples, Rome and Leghorn, Italy. After her return to the United States in July 1945, she was chief nurse at Ashford General Hospital, Hot Springs, W. Va. She was assigned to the Surgeon General's office last March.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Allan Marcus, a boy, **Phillip Roger**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 9 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lowell Jameson, a boy, **Edwin Jameson**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 11 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Vernon Silver, a boy, **Gordon Anthony**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 11 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Victor De Stefanis, a boy, **Dennis Victor**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 12 December.

To Major and Mrs. James H. Johnson, a boy, **Geoffrey Hamilton**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 12 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. R. J. Klassen, a boy, **Lawrence John**, weight 7 pounds and ¼ ounce, born 12 December.

To Major and Mrs. Sylvester W. Muir, a boy, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 14 December.

Parcels Sent Abroad Must Be Requested

Washington (CNS) — Persons sending parcels to military personnel or civilians under military jurisdiction once again must submit a written request from the addressee specifically asking for the parcel, according to the Army Postal Service, agency of the Adjutant General's department.

Parcels are being brought to postoffices in this country, the APS said, for mailing to personnel overseas without the required request. In addition, some parcels are meant for use of persons other than addressees in overseas occupied zones.

War Department rules stipulate that Army Postal Service use is definitely limited to persons in, or attached to, the military service of the United States. In overseas areas where international mail service is entirely inadequate, however, area commanders may extend use of the APS to members or representatives of U.S. Government agencies.

Only one parcel a week may be sent by or on behalf of the same sender to or for the same addressee. Specific written request must be made for the articles. This request must be presented at the postoffice when the parcel is mailed.

Anything For A Laugh

M. P.: "What's yer name?"

Smith: "Smith."

M. P.: "Cawmon! Quit stallin—what's your real name?"

"Shakespeare."

M. P.: "Thass better. You mugs been pullin' that Smith gag long enough."

If Little Red Riding Hood lived today

The modern girl would scorn 'er.
She only had to meet one wolf,
Not one on every corner.

Mess Sgt.: "Listen wise guy, I was makin' pies before you were born."

Solja: "Okay sarge, but why serve 'em now?"

"I think I saw your sister at the beach yesterday."

"What color bathing suit was she wearing?"

"I couldn't tell. She had her back turned."

The Pfc. dialed the wrong number and got the Colonel.

"How are you kid?" asked the unsuspecting Pfc.

"Do you know who you're talking to," demanded the irate Colonel.

The Pfc. admitted he did not and took a 60-second dressing down which ended with "Is that clear?"

"Yes sir," said the Pfc. meekly. "Do you know who you're talking to?"

"No," roared the Colonel.

"Good," said the Pfc. and hung up quietly.

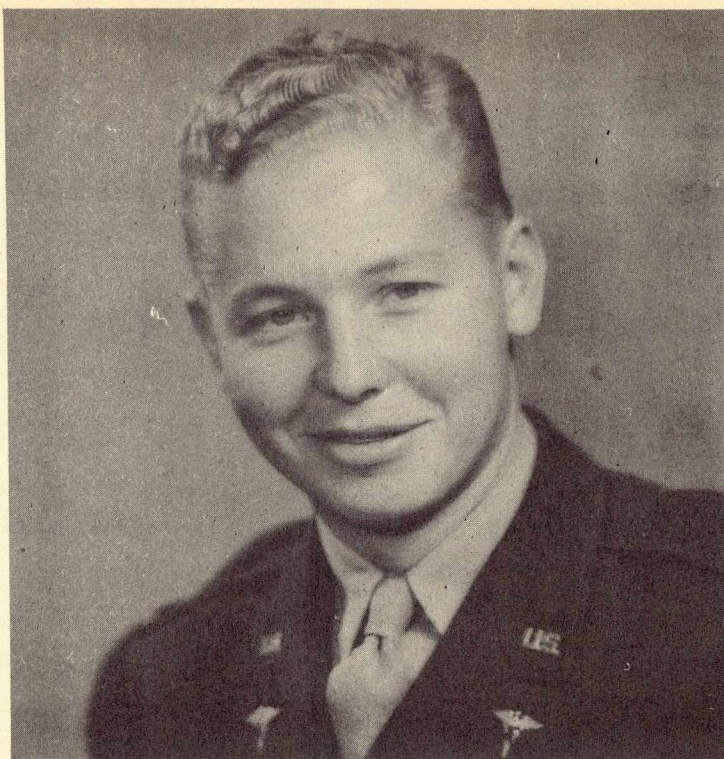
"If you don't marry me, I'll take a rope and hang myself in your front yard!"

"Now Richard, you know dad doesn't want any soldiers hanging around here!"

It was lights-out when the barracks sergeant heard the unmistakable sound of a crap game on the floor above. "George," he said to the private next to him, "go upstairs and break up that crap game."

An hour later George came back. "Didn't I tell you to break up that game?" roared the sergeant. "What the blazes kept you so long?" "Well, I broke it up all right," said George happily. "But you got to remember I started with only a quarter."

HE'S COVERED A LOT OF TERRITORY—FROM OHIO TO INDIA TO CALIFORNIA



**First Lieutenant OLIVER RAJALA, MAC
New Assistant Adjutant**

Lieutenant Oliver Rajala, who returned to active duty from the reserves after four months as a civilian, was appointed assistant Adjutant at Letterman recently, when Captain Alfred Taro, the former assistant Adjutant, was alerted for overseas duty. He came to Letterman in November, and has a background of assignments in the Medical Administrative Corps that makes his duties here familiar ones.

He is from Ashtabula, Ohio, and was inducted into the Army in June 1943 in Cleveland. He spent a year at Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio, as an enlisted man in the Medical Corps. He then went overseas, to India, and served in Bombay, Calcutta and New Delhi.

For eight months he was Sergeant Major at headquarters replacement depot, after which he was commissioned direct for administrative work in the MAC. He was assigned as adjutant and company commander at the Second Convalescent Camp in Calcutta. This duty was interrupted by a trip back to the states by air, where he attended the School of Personnel Services at Lexington, Virginia for a month.

Shortly after he arrived again in

India, upon completion of the school course, the war ended and the convalescent camp was inactivated. He was then assigned to headquarters base section at Calcutta, where he was administrative assistant to the base surgeon. While there he made two trips to China by air, on courier service. He also flew to the Philippines and was there for a time. Lieutenant Rajala says he likes air travel, but didn't get any desire to become a pilot. "After 13 or 14 hours in the air, I was too glad to get down to earth again."

He returned to the United States in May of this year and went back to civilian life. Shortly after his recall to active duty he came to Letterman. Lieutenant Rajala's wife, the former Jean Vincent, who is also from Ohio, is here with him, and already they both like San Francisco.

Before he entered the Army, Lieutenant Rajala operated a bowling alley, and though he denies that he's an expert bowler, he admits that both he and wife like to bowl and they've been trying out the local bowling alleys. He enjoys golf and tennis, too, and says it's nice to be here where winter doesn't interfere with these activities.

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About accreditation:

USAFI Form No. 47 is the key to accreditation for military personnel.

It must be emphasized that USAFI cannot grant credit. This is the prerogative of the high school or college which may evaluate military service, USAFI courses.

Visit your Educational Reconditioning Office in Building 1039 or call Ext. 4403 for additional information.



(CNS)—Illustrative of the will to win which characterized the play of returned veterans on the nation's gridiron this fall is the case of Ex-Sgt. Hugh C. Dunn. A year ago he was discharged from the Army, minus a left hand and bearing scars of combat wounds treated in 14 hospitals. Undaunted, Dunn picked up his pre-war football career and figured as a key man on Missouri Valley College's conference championship team . . . Earl (Red) Blaik has signified his intention of remaining head football coach at the United States Military Academy. Rumors had him resigning in the wake of a graduation exodus which will leave him only three returning regulars next fall. . . . Ray Barbuti, president of the New York Chapter of the Eastern Association of Football Coaches, hit the headlines with a declaration that the rule book should be rewritten—"in English."

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Del Ennis, Phillies' Rookie-of-the-year award winner, is available as trading material. All Manager Ben Chapman asked when the Chicago Cubs sounded him out recently was, by way of what he termed a fair deal, Peanuts Lowry, Andy Pafko, Eddie Waitkus and Johnny Schmitz—in short, a large share of the backbone of the Cubs' 1947 pennant hopes. . . . Football's "Grand Old Man," Amos Alonzo Stagg is 84, and still believes he has years of good coaching ahead. But College of the Pacific officials may force him to resign.

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Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, the eccentric southpaw whose antics and jests provided many a belly-rolling laugh for his Yankee teammates a few years ago, has been rehired to manage Binghamton of the Eastern League in 1947. Gomez succeeded Garland Braxton last July . . . Jimmy Foxx will return to baseball next spring as manager of St. Petersburg in the Florida International League. Foxx rounded out his career as one of the greatest sluggers of all time with the Phillies in 1945, then turned to radio work. Incidentally, St. Petersburg will erect a \$250,000 stadium. . . . From the Pacific Coast



PIN-UP PULCHRITUDE
Janis Carter, Columbia's lovely young actress who recently completed a featured role in "Night Editor." She is currently appearing opposite Glenn Ford in "Framed."

comes word that UCLA's newly-crowned unbeaten and untied football champions will be succeeded by a title-winning basketball team. Don Bardsdale and Avery Minoy, Negro war veterans, are regarded as stand-outs.

Seventy years after Princeton responded to a challenge from Penn undergraduates, to start the historic

football rivalry with a 6 to 0 triumph, the Tgiers turned in one of the major upsets of 1946—the 17 to 14 victory over Penn, undefeated to that date. . . . Coach Jack Weinheimer, of New York University, is predicting that Sophomore Irv Mondschein, a six-foot 200-pounder, will be one of the top all-around athletes in the nation.



Answering The Veterans' Queries

Two important deadlines for veterans benefits are rapidly approaching. The Veterans Administration is urging all interested ex-GI's to take advantage of the benefits before it is too late.

The first affects an estimated 100,000 alien veterans who served in the U. S. armed forces after September 1, 1939. These veterans are still eligible to become American citizens under the easy provisions of the Second War Powers Act, which expires December 31. The nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service will accept their applications.

The second deadline affects approximately ten million veterans throughout the nation who have allowed their G.I. term insurance to lapse. They may reinstate this term insurance on or before February 1, 1947, without a physical examination. All they have to do is sign a statement that their health is as good now as when their policies lapsed and pay premiums for only two months.

Question: "I lost an arm during the war. Am I entitled to a free automobile?"

Answer: No. The law says that automobiles will be paid for by VA—up to a total cost of \$1,600—for veterans who lost a leg, or the use of a leg.

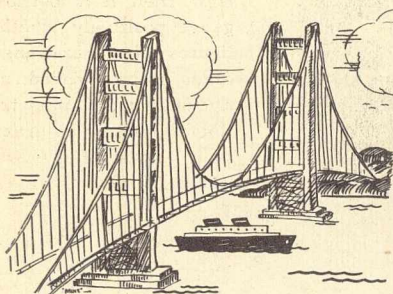
Question: "Is it true that veterans who have no service-connected disabilities may get hospital treatment from VA?"

Answer: Yes. Many VA hospital patients are not service-connected cases. Veterans whose injuries or diseases are not the result of service may get treatment in VA hospitals if (1) beds are available, and (2) they cannot afford private hospital care.

Question: "I am attending college under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16). Am I entitled to a vacation without losing my subsistence allowance?"

Answer: Yes. You are entitled to a maximum of 30 days in any period of 12 consecutive months. You would receive a full subsistence allowance for such a vacation period. Be sure you see your VA training officer before taking such vacations.

★ NEW YEAR ★ GREETINGS



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These Things Made Christmas Merrier at LGH

Besides the two weeks of festivities arranged for Letterman patients over the Christmas and New Year holidays, there were special unexpected Christmas Eve pleasures that added to the joy of the season—the gift of a radio-victrola for ward E-1; a doll for a little girl patient; extra-special entertainment on the wards, sponsored by the three Hearst newspapers of the Bay Area in cooperation with the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee.

The town of McFarland, California, a small community near Bakersfield, gave the radio-victrola. The Honor Society of the High School there started the idea, and everyone in the town contributed to the gift for Letterman patients. They sent not only the victrola, but 28 records for it as well, and 25 pounds of homemade cookies. On Christmas Eve the victrola was presented to the ward and the Christmas records played. The patients are planning thank-you letters to the people of McFarland.

The gift of the doll was one of those "most opportune moment" gifts. Jackie Storti, who is 8 years old, is a patient on ward P-1. Until just recently, her father was also a patient at Letterman. Jackie lost her right foot as the result of an accident.

On Christmas Eve the patients of ward L-1 gave a surprise party for Jackie. There were lots of gifts, including a doll-buggy and a teddy

Christmas Message from Chief of Staff

You, of the United States Army, are now engaged in a mission whose essence is the establishment and maintenance of conditions in which may prosper world-wide extension of the Christmas spirit. Wherever you are stationed and whatever your task may be, all of you are guardians of peace. You strive so that, at this and every Christmas to come, we may be able to celebrate the good tidings of this season, serenely secure from the sacrifice and terror of war. Though accomplishment means that you must perfect yourselves in the technical, disciplinary, and mental processes of war, your basic purpose must always be its prevention rather than its waging.

To all who serve or have served in our country's Army, I extend my warmest greetings and sincere good wishes. My thoughts are especially with those whose duty requires them to spend this Christmas away from home and loved ones. The present sacrifice you make is a real contribution to Christmas peace.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

bear—but no doll. While the party was in progress, Mrs. E. L. Rebhan of 455 Hyde Street, San Francisco, stopped in at the hospital with a lovely doll which she had specially dressed and left it to be given to a patient. Chaplain Click, who knew about the party for Jackie, took the doll to L-1 right away, and when Jackie saw it, she said "Here comes the doll for the doll buggy!" Santa's arrival was probably never better timed.

The two special Christmas shows sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Call-Bulletin and the Oakland Post-Enquirer in co-operation with the AFEC, were headlined by the appearance of

Chico Marx, the piano-playing member of the Marx Brothers, who wove his versatile fingers up and down the keys, and used an orange to play the treble in a trick finish. Guy Cherney and a group of entertainers from his Barbizon Room sang and danced their way entertainingly through the rest of the show, which featured Jeanne Aloise, Sonia Shaw and Howard Eastwood.

Joaquin Garay of the Copacabana headed the second group of entertainers who provided laughs and music. The group included Larry Blake, Lorna Fordyce, Torshay and Mae Jackson. Mrs. Alyce Arnold of the AFEC was in charge of arrangements for the two shows.

Law on Heroism Pay Credit Defined By The War Dept.

(CNS)—The additional ten per cent retirement pay credit for extraordinary heroism, granted under Public Law 270 of the 79th Congress, has been fully defined by the War Department.

Automatic ten per cent retirement credit is given to holders of the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. Application for extraordinary heroism credit for decorations other than the aforementioned two now may be referred to the Adjutant General. His office will determine from available records, whether the heroism was extraordinary or equivalent to that required for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

An enlisted man retired under the Congressional Act, effective August 10 of this year, who is credited with extraordinary heroism in the line of duty shall have his retirement pay increased by ten per cent. The total, however, must not exceed 75 per cent of the total enlisted base and longevity pay he was receiving at the time of his application for retirement.

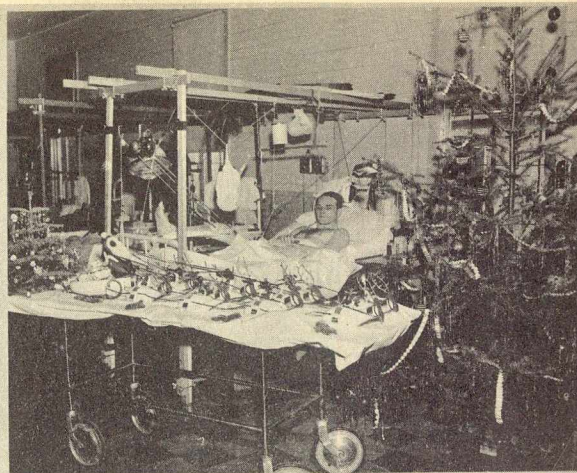
In exceptional cases based upon acts of heroism performed outside of combat, credit may be awarded.

Enlisted men who have been awarded decorations for extraordinary heroism not in combat, the Distinguished Flying Cross or Soldiers Medal, contemplating retirement under provisions of the Act, may apply to the Adjutant General for determination of such credit.

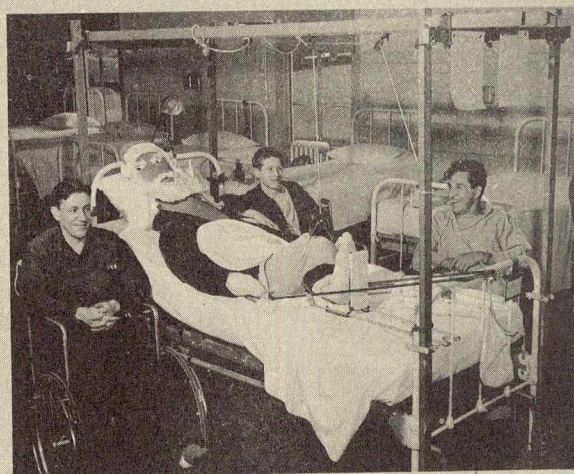
Christmas Corner Award Winners Share Camera



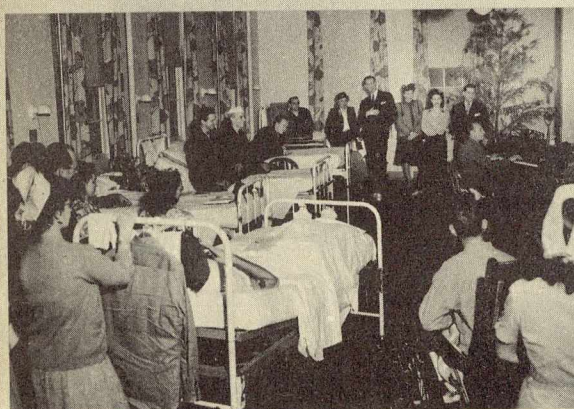
WARD F-2 CHRISTMAS CORNER ENTRY
Wins "Best All Round Christmas Spirit" award. L to R: James Swayne, Jimmy Kallios, George Holley, John Morone, Max McDaniel, Robert Schumm, Jack Peterson, Lt. Dorcas Barondes, ANC.



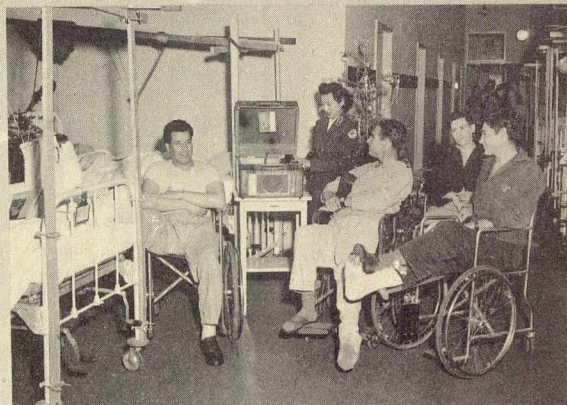
WARD 30 ENTRY JUDGED MOST HUMOROUS
Walter Henberg (above) did the pen-and-ink drawings to ornament reindeer and Santa Claus. George Holman gets credit for the idea for the entry.



WARD 31 PUTS CLAUS, SANTA, IN TRACTION
L to R: John Ford, Leonard Leone, Lara Arvicio

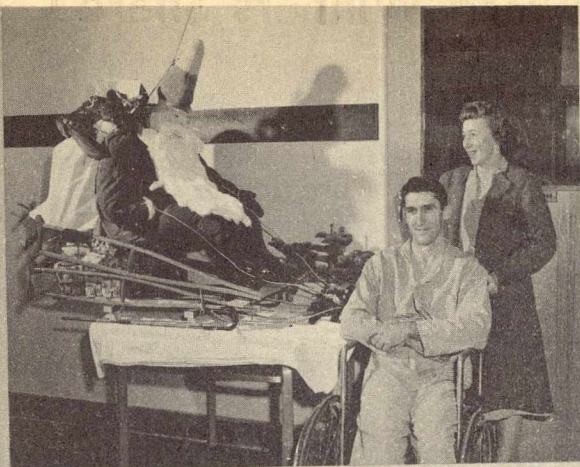


THE ONE AND ONLY CHICO MARX
Gives Ward K-2 a generous sample of his piano magic.

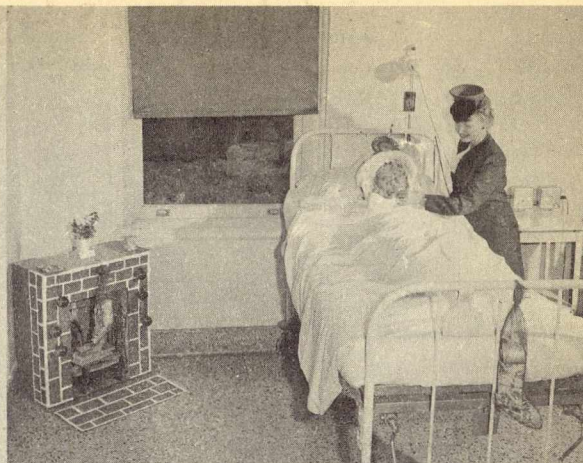


WARD E-1 PATIENTS HEAR CHRISTMAS CAROLS
On their new radio-victrola, gift of the town of McFarland, California. L to R: Reggie Vallejo, Charlotte Fong, Frank Nadin, Ernest Rangel, Frank Flores.

Spotlight With Holiday Entertainers at Letterman



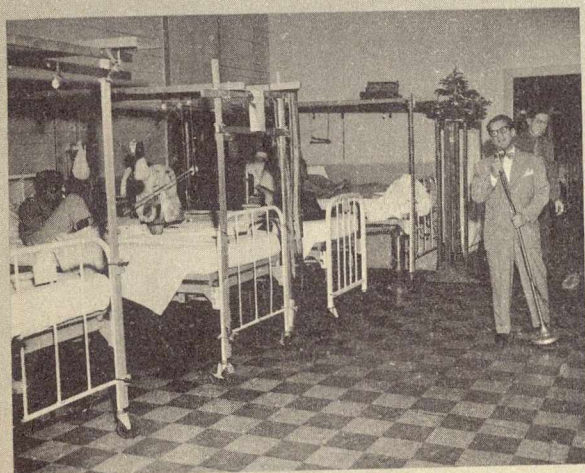
WARD E-1 WINS PRIZE FOR MOST ORIGINAL ENTRY with this crutch-and-cane sleigh. Above: John Cowie, Nancy Jones.



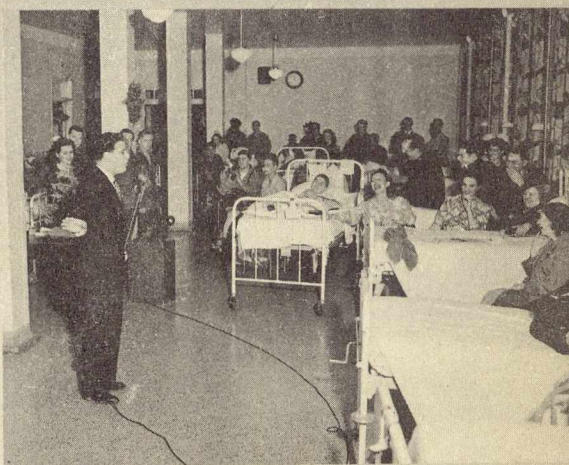
WARD O-2 PRIZE-WINNING ENTRY
"The Hepatitis Santa" has his temperature taken by Mrs. Dean F. Winn, wife of Letterman's Commanding Officer.



WARD D-2 WINS AWARD FOR MOST ARTISTIC ENTRY with "Cabin in the Mountains." The oil painting for the cabin background was done by Clarence W. Helland.



JOAQUIN GARAY OF THE COPACABANA
Introduces his entertainers for the show on Ward 30



GUY CHERNEY OF THE BARBIZON ROOM
Keeps them laughing on the wards on Christmas Eve.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

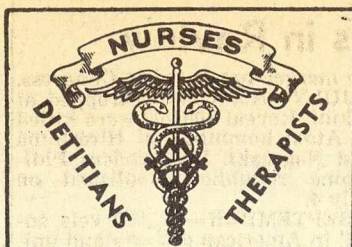
Every year at this time there is much talk of New Year resolutions. People make them because they are dissatisfied with the way they spend their time.

You might take a good look at the way you spend yours. Ask yourself how you can best use your time to get the most done, and the most pleasure from your leisure, bearing in mind the cheering thought that everyone has exactly the same amount of time to spend. There's no unequal distribution of that daily twenty-four hours.

Arnold Bennett, in his book "How to Live," has this to say about the use of one's time:

"Talk about an ideal democracy! In the realm of time there is no aristocracy of wealth, and no aristocracy of intellect. No one receives either more or less than you receive. Genius is never rewarded by even an extra hour a day. And there is no punishment. Waste your infinitely precious commodity as much as you will, and the supply will never be withheld from you. . . . Moreover, you cannot draw on the future. Impossible to get into debt! You can waste only the passing moment. You cannot waste tomorrow; it is kept for you.

"You have to live on this twenty-four hours of daily time. Out of it you have to spin health, pleasure, money, content, respect. Its right use, its most effective use, is a matter of the highest urgency.



The Nurses Recreation Hall was all decked out for Christmas, and the day after Christmas the nurses held Open House there for Letterman staff officers and their wives. Everyone enjoyed the post-Christmas festivity very much.

Lt. Natalie Walker and Lt. Provida Esteran of K-2 were extra busy Christmas Eve answering phone calls and inquiries about the show being given on the ward by the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee. When the entertainers arrived the first request they made was for a box of Kleenex—Chico Marx had a bad cold and needed some to keep him company while he played the piano.

Welcome to Lt. Ila Mae Weber, ANC, recently arrived at Letterman from Halloran General Hospital at Staten Island, N. Y.

The night before the night before Christmas (no, we're not repeating ourselves) the alumni of Cushing General Hospital who are now on duty at Letterman had a Cushing reunion Christmas party, complete with gifts for everyone and nostalgic talk about good times at Cushing.

Captain Thelma Goodman is enjoying a two-week holiday leave in Oklahoma.

Lt. Gertrude Hickey is about to take off into the blue civilian yonder, being now in process of separation.

Captain Isabelle Mason is rejoicing over the arrival of her father, who came from Minnesota in time to spend Christmas with her. He plans to remain for an extended visit.

Our sympathy to Captain Vida Buehler of Physical Therapy, who is on emergency leave in Seattle because of the serious illness of her mother.

Welcome to Lt. Flora C. Bosma, who has recently reported for duty after some time as a patient here.

Your happiness depends on it."

Take a look at your daily time-expenditure. Re-arrange it so you will get the most out of it, and your New Year resolution problem is solved.

Happy New Year!

WAC

Cupid presented Rose Ruscak with a Christmas gift—so if you hear Rose singing "You'll Always Be the One I Love," you'll see what she means.

Two more of our WACs are in the hospital — Betty Gronhosky and Ruby McAttee. A Merry, Merry Christmas, and hurry back, girls.

Gerry Price merits a great deal of credit for making a very Merry Christmas for all. She is seen so often these days carrying heavy bundles of mail and packages. A big "thank you" goes to Gerry for being such a congenial Mail Clerk.

When WACs decided to trim a Christmas tree, they not only do a beautiful job, but they have fun and laughter with it. We are proud of our day room Christmas tree.

Everyone had fun at the Letterman Club Christmas Party, December 20. Nearly every WAC attended, the club was decorated (and so well) by Christine McConnell, Bob Bisbee, Jerry Romanik and Dave Gelder, Bob Herrick was a jolly Santa, giving each a very nice gift. There were several additional prizes, door prizes, dancing prizes, and the grand prize was a portable radio. Thanks to Special Services and to all who made the party successful. This has been a wonderful Christmas for all of us, and the Yuletide spirit has been felt throughout Letterman.

A very Happy New Year to all from the Letterman Wac Detachment.

The spiritual interpretation of life teaches us that all human life is sacred; that we are members one of another; that the things which we have in common are greater than those which divide; that each is his brother's keeper. Those great truths have been given a new significance by the war.—W. L. Mackenzie King.

Opportunities do not come with their values stamped upon them. Every one must be challenged. A day dawns, quite like other days; in a single hour comes, quite like other hours; but in that day and in that hour the chance of a lifetime faces us. To face every opportunity of life thoughtfully and ask its meaning bravely and earnestly, is the only way to meet the supreme opportunities when they come, whether open-faced or disguised.—Maltbie Babcock.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 29, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Christmas Corner Awards Given to Eleven Wards

Eleven Letterman wards won prizes this year in the annual Red Cross Christmas Corner contest for special Christmas displays on the wards. Five wards earned prizes in the special classifications announced for the contest, and six others earned special mention and special prizes as well.

To Ward F-2 went the prize for the best all-around exhibit showing the Christmas spirit, a victrola for the ward. Another victrola went to ward 30 for the most humorous display. Ward E-1 had the one judged most original, and a banana split party, complete with ice cream bar right on the ward, will be given for them the first week in January. Prize for cleverest craftsmanship, a grab-bag gift for everyone on the ward, went to ward O-2, and the entry on ward D-2 was judged most artistic, and earned a prize of candid camera shots for the patients.

Special mention and extra prizes were awarded by the judging committee to ward 29, 31, C-1, C-2, S-1 and S-2. Nancy Jones was in charge of the contest. Pictures of the prize-winning entries are on pages 2 and 3 of this issue of the Fog Horn.

To the patients who worked on the Christmas cheer-makers that added so much to the holiday fun, a special congratulatory blast of the Fog Horn.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.—Henry Brougham.

WAC OF THE WEEK



KATHLEEN COFFIN
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 Kathleen Coffin, better known as Kay, tells about herself:

"I come from an old New England Quaker family of reformers—abolitionists, suffragists, prohibitionists, pacifists. I consider one bright spot in the family history a remote female relative who was burned as a witch, and I fondly hope that I resemble her.

"I grew up in a small town in upstate New York, but (except for a year in New York City and a year in Ohio) I have spent my adult life in Saratoga—home of Saratoga chips, Saratoga trunk, and the parimutuel. There I attended Skidmore College, majoring in English because I have known since I was in the third grade of grammar school that I want to write.

"I had difficulty getting into the Army, being 'frozen' to my wartime job with General Electric's bureau of standards. Finally, in July 1945, I was 'thawed out' and made it to Fort Des Moines just before V-J Day.

"Letterman is my only Army station, and most of my time here has been with the Neuropsychiatric service as a social worker. I wouldn't have missed my Army experience for anything in the world.

"In the Army I miss most my apartment, where I could indulge in my hobby of cooking (souffles, and exotic dishes with herbs and wine and garlic) and in interminable discussions with congenial friends through a haze of coffee aroma, cigarette smoke and recorded Debussy.

"I like to read, particularly fiction, from Proust to Dick Tracy. At present I am enjoying a course in short story writing at University of California Extension. In San Francisco I've loved living near the sea, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, and especially twilight at the Top of the Mark.

The Year's Highlights in Review

BY Camp Newspaper Service

JANUARY—President urges Congress to speed post-war legislation. UN Assembly opens in London. Strategy Board plans Operations Crossroads.

MARCH—Gen. Eisenhower voted most popular military leader by GIs in poll. UN Security Council meet in New York City.

APRIL—Board appointed to study Army courts-martial system. Big Five conference of foreign ministers opens in Paris.

MAY—The first German V-2 rockets launched in the U. S. at White Sands, N. M. Army Service Forces abolished in sweeping reorganization which divides nation into six Army areas.

JUNE—UN Commission tackles troublesome Soviet-Iranian controversy. "Gripe-Board" headed by Gen. Doolittle urges end of off-post salute and democratization of Army. White House plan for serv-

ice merger presented to Congress.

JULY—Atom bomb dropped at Bikini. Reveal 105,000 were killed in Atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Independent Philippine republic established on July 4.

SEPTEMBER—750,000 vets enroll in American colleges and universities. U. S. moves forces from Iceland but retains bases in Philippines; Panama negotiates with U. S. for return of bases.

OCTOBER—Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg are sentenced: 19 out of 22 found guilty;

NOVEMBER—Control of Atomic Energy taken over by civilian board. Army slashes budget to keep within new limitations.

DECEMBER—Gen. Eisenhower asks for international unity through mutual respect. Byrd scientific expedition embarks for Antarctic. Big Four ends year with completed peace pacts for Italy and other Axis satellites.

"My ambition besides writing is to live with a husband, children, dogs and cats on a farm in New York or California, and to try to make our home relatively secure and self-sufficient in a precarious Atomic

Age. Yes, I'm pessimistic about the future. What thinking person isn't?"

"Oh, dear!" she exclaimed. "I've missed you so much!" Then she raised her revolver and tried again.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MATT ZIDICH
Private

It was an especially merry Christmas this year for Private Matt Zidich, because it was the day the one and only girl, Dede Trent, said yes, she would marry him, and their engagement was announced. Matt says he's known Dede all his life so far, and he wants to go on knowing her the rest of his life.

Matt is a native of San Francisco, and attended Sacred Heart High School here. He's a physical instructor at the Letterman Gym, but he's assigned to duty with Special Services during the holidays.

Before he came into the Army nearly a year ago, Matt was playing baseball with the Oakland Acorns, and had been on the team a year. When he gets his discharge, which he hopes will be in time for next season's training period at Boyes Springs, he'll go back to the Oakland team, and will break in as a pitcher next year.

"Of course my big ambition is to play on one of the major league teams," he says.

He has another sports activity—boxing, and although he hasn't boxed since he started to play pro baseball, he's coached boxing teams since he's been in the Army. One was the team that won the 7th Army championship, and he also coached men from the Letterman detachment for the Golden Gloves tournaments.

Matt has been at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and at Fort Sam he played on a ball team that won 70 out of 90 games. He came to Letterman in October. One of his outside activities at present is coaching fighters for professional bouts.

He has two heroes in the sports world, he says. One is Dolph Camelli, and the other is Tony Olivera.

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CIVIL CIRCLES

Traveling to Klamath Falls, Oregon and to Crater Lake is Zita Kelly, War Bond office, with her daughter, Joan. They will spend Christmas with relatives.

Arlene Chapman, Medical secretary on ward S-1, is motoring north and "Midge" Fawcett, Laboratory, will spend the holidays in the mountains.

Bernice Riney has Los Angeles as her main stop for the holidays, while June Ko, Laboratory, will open Christmas gifts in Fresno.

Betty Bennett will be hostess at dinner on Christmas Day for her friends. We hear she is a super cook.

"Santa" Conlin distributed gifts from the lovely Christmas tree in Personnel Section on Christmas Eve, and a good time was had by all.

Santa Claus also visited in the Lower Laboratory as Sgt. Thomas Turner donned the white whiskers to distribute the gifts. William Davy was host and refreshments were served.

Ellen Bauer, Dental Clinic, reports having a good time with friends in Vacaville.

Beebee, Prosthetic Section, visited friends at Letterman this week. We will be looking for her return on the first of the year. She is making rapid recovery since her illness in October.

Mildred Grennan, Laboratory, leaves for the University of California after completing five and one-half years service at Letterman. We wish you the best of luck, Mildred.

Patricia Farno has transferred to the Veterans Administration at Fort Meyer.

Ruth Jensen, Pay Roll Section, and her husband, George, took a train ride last week to Salt Lake City, but they returned by car . . . a brand-new shiny '46 Chevrolet.

Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, resisted the temptation to buy a pair of shoes for Christmas and she is very proud of herself.

Happy New Year!

Productive human work for the peoples of the world is a basic requirement for any enduring peace. May it be repeated and emphasized that as men work so they are and become. This is more than a bit of rhetoric. It expresses a human realism, determining the quality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.—Edward C. Elliot.

RUTH DeHAY DESERTED TEXAS FOR CALIFORNIA AND IS GLAD SHE DID



Miss RUTH DeHAY
Assistant in Personal Affairs Office

From feminine personal affairs to masculine Personal Affairs with an interlude in the WAC is the story on Ruth DeHay, the popular assistant in the Letterman Personal Affairs office. Ruth, who is much better known as "Texas," owned and operated a dress shop in her native state before she joined the Army. That accounts for the feminine personal affairs background.

One day Texas got what she calls "a patriotic streak," sold her dress shop to a friend, and joined the WAC. "Being a southerner, I hoped to go north for my basic training," she says, "but what did I get? Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia!" Not only that, but subsequent assignments took her to Alabama and North Carolina. She went to Russellville, Arkansas, first, where she attended the Army Administrative school, then to Fort McClellan, Alabama, where a new company was activated, with Ruth as supply sergeant. Next she was assigned to Moore General Hospital at Swanannoa, Georgia.

She was with the first group of WACs to go overseas to a Pacific base, and went to Sydney, Australia. After only one month there, she went to New Guinea, with the first WACs to go there. This "first group" business got to be a habit, and she went next to Biak, and yes, she was with the first WACs on Biak.

One day while she was visiting patients in a hospital on Biak, there was an air raid and the casualties were brought into the hospital while Ruth was there. "It was right then that I decided I wanted to work in a hospital, so I could help some way. I thought if I couldn't do it as a WAC, I'd wait until I was a civilian, and work in one then." The former plan didn't work out, but the latter did. Ruth returned to the United States in August 1945, just after V-J Day, and received her discharge in San Francisco.

After visiting her parents in Texas, she came back, obeying the story she had heard—that anyone who spent even two weeks in California would want to come back here to live. She worked for a short time at Oakland Regional Hospital, then came to Letterman last February, and has worked in the Personal Affairs office ever since.

Ruth has the reputation of being one of the hardest workers in the hospital, and she spends many extra hours at her desk and on the wards taking care of Personal Affairs matters for the patients.

Right now most of her off-duty time is taken up by someone to whom she refers mysteriously as a "Native Son." Could be he's why she says she not only doesn't miss Texas, she's converted to California!

Sixteen Officers Newly Assigned To Letterman

A group of sixteen Medical Corps officers have been assigned to Letterman, and are arriving to join the staff. All come from Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

They are: First Lieutenants Richard L. Anderegg, Lionel M. Bernstein, Dwight C. Dawson, Irving A. Friedman, Louis N. Giannasi, Robert E. Hopkins, Leslie G. Lloyd, Haskell F. Norman, Frank J. Novak III, Seigul J. Polk, John C. Reidenbach, Joseph V. Schetgen, Merlin P. Southwick, Karl Stillwater, Merle D. Thomas and Andrew A. Windham.

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

Several examinations for probational appointments have been announced by the Civil Service Commission, and applications for all of these must be in by 2 January 1947. Complete details about each examination are available at the Civilian Personnel office, room 221, Administration Building, LGH.

The examinations are for the following positions: Scientific Aid and Biological Aid, \$1,822 to \$3,397 a year; Junior Agricultural Assistant, \$2,644 a year; Geophysicist, \$3,397 to \$7,102 a year; Printer Proofreader, \$1.57 an hour; Plate Printer, pays established piece rates.

Need Clerk-Typists

Clerk-Typists and Clerk-Stenographers are needed for office work at Letterman, and employees who know of individuals who may be interested are asked to direct them to contact Civilian Personnel office, room 221, Administration Building, LGH.

We should be careful not to over-politicize our society. We can be free only if large areas of life remain open to private and voluntary action and decision. We shall not preserve our freedom by transferring to Government decisions which we ought to be making as private citizens or social obligations which we should be performing voluntarily. As private individuals we are under a joint compulsion with Government to provide the basis of the good life on which individuals can build.—Harold W. Dodds.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By T/Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—Expression in superlatives is an outgrowth of the American system of free enterprise . . . a natural result of competitive advertising. Fanciful practitioners of the art of bandying language are tempted to lower all the bars of restraint in press-agenting merits of persons and products. Super-duper publicists drumbeat mediocrity into unparalleled genius. Each hour introduces a fresh crop of the "greatest of all time" appointees to history's hall of fame, as it may serve to accomplish the purpose of effervescent word-mongers.

In no field of free enterprise is this tendency more rampant than in sports writing. Greatness too frequently is cradled in the minds of those who have a personal axe to grind with their publicity. An outstanding illustration is the annual frenzy over selection of All-America and All-Star football teams. Choices may be heavily influenced by tub-thumping activities long before the season starts.

Granting all due respect to selectors who approach the problem with a sincere desire to give deserving recognition to the best available talent, the claim-to-fame aggregations too often represent the success of tremendous promotional campaigns in behalf of men who are no better than less-heralded stars. This viewpoint may be regarded as a tempered criticism. More radical antagonists might term the practice of naming All-America teams the ultimate in folly.

Possibly the most regrettable inherent weakness in the system of selecting All-American teams, or any All-Star array, is that first preference invariably is given to plays on major championship outfits. Lesser colleges are likely to be completely ignored. Another prime consideration properly falls within the scope of diplomatic jurisprudence—that is, making selections to provide for equitable representation of all parts of an area, state or territory. Obviously, such considerations often disregard isolated talent, or ride roughshod over a preponderance of stars on a particular team or sector.

Fallacy of accolades for comparison

(Continued on Page 8)

IF IT'S SEPARATION YOU WANT, FIRST YOU TARRY WITH WERRY



Master Sergeant THOMAS H. WERRY Deals With Separation Center Problems

Master Sergeant Thomas H. Werry, who has been dealing with Separation Center problems at Letterman since last March, says he likes the Army and likes his work here. He says he doesn't have a nickname, but with his surname, there are possibilities. You can't help wondering if the separation problems, of which there are plenty, don't sometimes make Werry weary. Or if they don't affect him that way, they probably make Werry wary—of more problems.

He's a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was attending the University of Pittsburgh, headed for a teaching career, when he suddenly realized that wasn't what he wanted to do after all.

While in Texas on a vacation in 1935 he saw a rodeo in which the cavalry performed, and decided he'd like to join the Army. He left school, enlisted at Fort Clark, in Del Rio, Texas, and spent the next six years in the Cavalry Division. The first three years he was at Fort Clark; the next three at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

When the war began he was pro-

moted to warrant officer and assigned to the Medical Department and sent to Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia. He spent three years at Oliver, from 1942 to 1945, as assistant adjutant.

In the summer of 1945 he went overseas, going first to the Philippines. Later he was with the occupation forces in Japan. He returned to the United States last February, "and very glad of it." He was a Chief Warrant Officer when he received his discharge in March. Five days later he re-enlisted, and as Master Sergeant Werry he came to Letterman and the Separation Center. He wanted to come to Letterman, so he got what he wanted.

He was married during his first enlistment, and he and his wife Ann enjoy living in San Francisco. Unlike some former easterners, they regard San Francisco as a city with a "wonderful climate." In his off-duty hours Sergeant Werry is an enthusiastic spectator at baseball and football games during the season, and likes to play tennis. He enjoys reading, mostly non-fiction, and the legitimate theatre.

Anything For A Laugh

Proud Villager: "An what do you think of our little town?"

Visiting Soldier: "It's the first cemetery I've seen with lights."

"Love-making is the same today as it was in ancient times."

"What makes you say that?"

"I've just been reading about a Greek maiden who sat and listened to a lyre all night!"

Visitor: "Are you the Company Commander? I am Mrs. Carlton. I have a grandson serving here with your group."

C.O.: "I know, madam. He's away on leave attending your funeral."

"I just saw Private Smith and he had a pinched look."

"How come?"

"He was between two MP's."

Papa glared sternly at his young hopeful. "Another bite like that," he said, "and you leave the table."

Sonny looked up. "Another bite like that," he said, "and I'll be finished."

Pvt.: "Somebody picked my pocket."

Sgt.: "What did he get?"

Pvt.: Practice."

Mail Orderly: "You got a package of fish today."

Pvt.: "C O D?"

Mail Orderly: "No, T R O U T."

Mother: "What are you doing?"

Jimmy: "Nothing, mother."

Mother: "You're getting more like your father every day."

The Sergeant was lecturing new recruits on neatness, and wound up by saying: "And above all, don't spit on the floor."

"Why not?" asked a rear rank rookie. "Does it leak?"

Lieutenant: "Do you serve women at this bar?"

Bartender: "No, you gotta bring your own."

Pvt.: "Is she clever? Yes, indeed—why she has brains enough for two."

Sgt.: "Then she is just the girl you ought to marry."

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Veterans who wish to use their terminal leave bonds as payment on their National Service Life Insurance may now obtain the necessary forms from any Veterans Administration office. VA representatives are prepared to help veterans in completing the forms and give advice and information on how the bonds may be assigned.

Bonds may be applied to insurance payments by assignment, in the following ways:

1. To pay premiums on insurance already in force.
2. To purchase new insurance.
3. To reinstate lapsed insurance.
4. To pay the premium or any difference in reserve required when converting to a permanent insurance policy.
5. To repay policy loans made prior to July 31, 1946.

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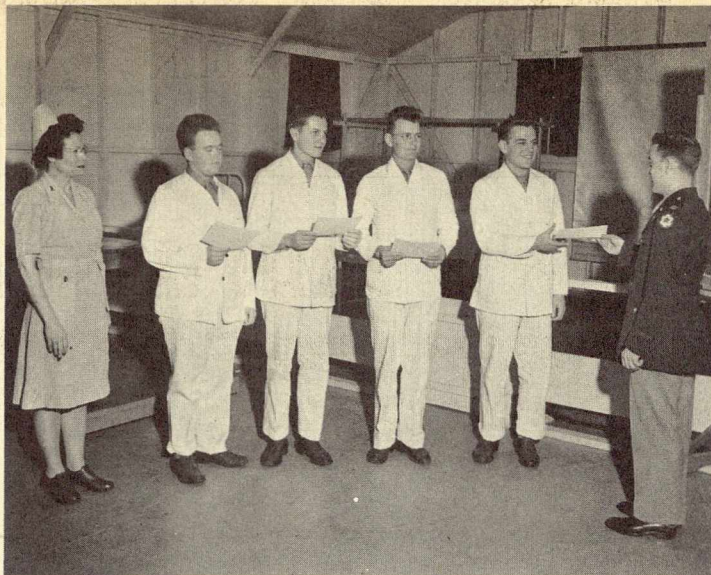
QUESTION: I have \$100 in bonds and would like to pay my term insurance a year ahead. Since the annual premium is only \$72, will VA refund the balance in cash?

ANSWER: No. The entire face value of each bond assigned for insurance payments must be held by VA. However, if you don't want the entire amount used for insurance, VA will refund the balance when the bond matures.

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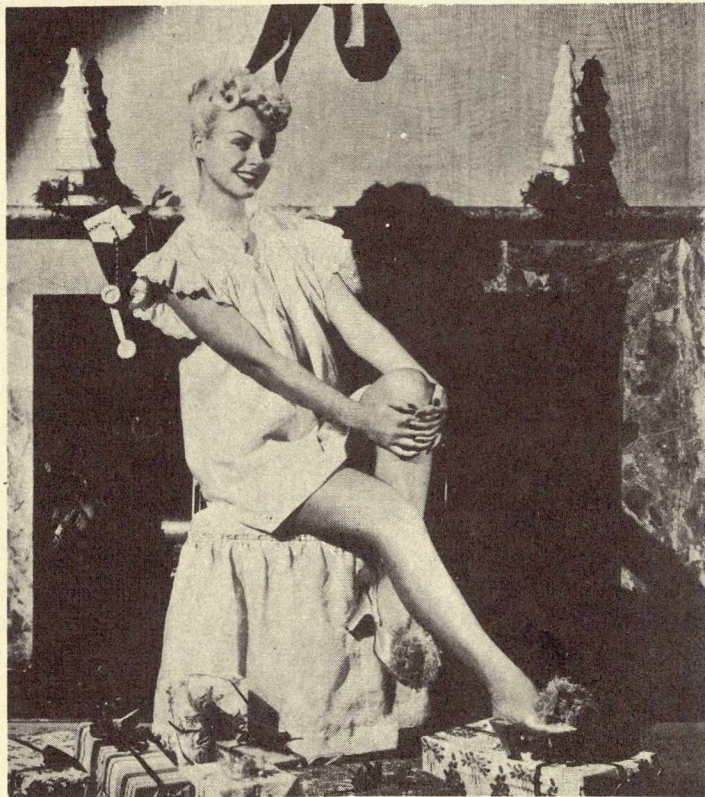
QUESTION: Is it possible to assign terminal leave bonds to pay permanent insurance in advance, thereby increasing the cash value of the policy, and then to cash in the policy?

ANSWER: No. Congress stipulated that terminal leave bonds should not have cash value until their maturity dates. When the bonds are assigned as payments on permanent insurance, the policy has the usual increase in cash value each year as the bond fund is used to pay advance premiums, but this "advance" cash value cannot be withdrawn now. The assignment of leave bonds is held against the cash value of the policy. This does not prevent the insured from obtaining a loan against or surrender of his permanent policy at any date in the future. However, the sum of the leave bond assignment will be deducted from the cash value in determining the amount available, if any, to the insured as a loan or surrender value of the policy.



RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Captain L. T. Tayloe, Assistant Director of the Training Branch, awards certificates to ward corpsmen at the Training Branch School as Lieutenant Lily W. Neal, ANC, instructor of ward nursing, looks on. Out of a class of 54 completing the four week course, the above students made a final average grade above 90. L-to R.: Pvt. G. H. Wilcox, ward 31; Pvt. M. J. Sadlon, ward A-1; Pvt. J. B. Jorgenson, ward C-1; Pvt. G. B. Adams, ward A-1.



FIREPLACE MAGIC

Leslie Brooks, Columbia's lovely young actress, currently starred in "Cigarette Girl," adds just the right note of holiday cheer to the Christmas scene.

MORE ABOUT WARMING THE BENCH

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tive purposes in the march of time is self-evident. Fame is subject to constantly - changing conditions. How, then, is it logically possible to gauge positively whether the great figures of generations past would excel, or be excelled, under current circumstances? Why try to say that Glenn Davis is as great, or greater, than Harold (Red) Grange, Illinois' 'Galloping Ghost' of a quarter-century ago? Changes in rules, equipment, advances in coaching techniques and many infinitely more incalculable factors properly must influence the valuation of comparative ability.

Individual brilliance may be governed largely by the extent to which teammates carry out their supporting roles. Harry Gilmer, of Alabama's Rose Bowl champions, was All-America in 1945 and hailed by many critics as the greatest passer of all time. He is just as good this season. But Alabama lost four games, which explains why Gilmer's name is found in the small type honorable mention listing. Herman Wedemyer, of St. Mary's reportedly offered \$50,000 to turn pro, and Bob Fenimore, of the Oklahoma Aggies, both 1945 All-America choices, met the same fate.

All-America teams this season show a remarkable degree of concurrence. They represent conclusive proof of the age-old practice of "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours"—that is, writers in one sector to put across their respective nominees. Blanchard and Davis of Army and Trippi of Georgia were unanimous choices. Lujack of Notre Dame missed out only insofar as some selections provoked wider divergence of opinion.

Great as Davis was this season, the omission of Tucker from any All-America team scarcely can be excused in review of comparative play. Tucker was the little man who made both Davis and Blanchard look good. Time after time he pulled the Cadets out of the hole when they failed to deliver. A score of other examples might be cited. It is conceivable that four or five teams might be named which would defeat the accepted All-America stars in a real test. Which could make All-America teams rather silly—but still typically American!



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Physical Medicine And Convalescent Services at LGH

A Physical Medicine Service and a Convalescent Services Division were established at Letterman effective 1 January 1946, in accordance with War Department directives, and Reconditioning Service was dissolved.

Captain Ben A. Rutledge has been named Acting Chief of Physical Medicine Service and Lt. Colonel Jesse U. Pritchett is Chief of Convalescent Services Division. Also assigned to Physical Medicine Service are Captain Elgin L. Lester and 1st Lieutenant John E. Wiggins. The following officers, in addition to Colonel Pritchett, have been assigned to Convalescent Services:

Captain Lilbourne W. Sherrod, Captain Kenneth H. Lillie, Captain Stanley F. Ochocinsky, 1st Lieutenant Frances E. Harlee, 1st Lieutenant Frances V. Peterson, 1st Lieutenant Robert S. Levy, 1st Lieutenant Mary M. Pringle, 2d Lieutenant Phillip A. Matthews, and WOJG Russell C. Watson.

Physical Medicine Service consists of the following sections: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Physical Reconditioning. This service has been defined, by the circular authorizing its establishment, as including "the coordinated and integrated employment of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physical reconditioning in the professional management of the sick and wounded.

"This method of treatment has achieved its present standing because of the beneficial results obtained by its use in definitive medical care and in shortening the period of convalescence. The mission of the Physical Medicine Service is to carry out scientifically and efficient-

To Begin a New Year

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

—Abraham Lincoln.

ly the utilization of these therapeutic adjuncts aimed toward improved care and more rapid convalescence, with an end result of fewer man-days in the hospital."

Convalescent Services Division is made up of the following branches: Classification and Counseling, Educational Reconditioning, Information and Education, Personal Affairs and Special Services. The mission of the division, according to the War Department memorandum directing its establishment, is "to present a coordinated, planned program of recreation, orientation, education, and amusement for the maintenance of high morale of patients and duty personnel at hospitals."

New Year Reception

A reception honoring Colonel and Mrs. Dean F. Winn was given New Year's Eve at the Letterman Officers' Club by the Letterman officers and their ladies. Following the reception for the commanding officer and his wife a New Year's Eve dinner dance was held at the club.

Officers Receive SGO Appointments As LGH Residents

Twenty-four officers have received appointments as residents at Letterman from the Office of The Surgeon General. Letterman is one of nine Army hospitals where a teaching program has been established for residencies in various specialties.

The program was established with the approval of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, and training received under appointment to these positions is acceptable to the various American Specialty Boards as part of the requirement for admission to examination.

The appointments at Letterman are of three types—Senior Resident, Resident and Assistant Resident, and are for one year, with the possibility of re-appointment at the end of that time.

Those who received appointments as Senior Residents, and their assignments, are: Colonel Robert P. Rea, Otolaryngology, and Lt. Colonel Robert L. Hellinghorst, Pathology.

Those appointed as Residents are: Colonel Daniel J. Sheehan, Internal Medicine; Colonel George F. Peer, General Surgery; Lt. Colonel Edward J. Doyle, General Surgery; Lt. Colonel Thomas T. Beeler, General Surgery; Lt. Colonel John Ficicchy, Jr., Otolaryngology; Lt. Colonel Sterling J. Ritchey, Orthopedics; Major William G. Thalmann, Internal Medicine.

Appointed as Assistant Residents are: Colonel John K. Davis, General Surgery; Colonel Hyman R. Osheroff, Radiology; Colonel Colvin W. Salley, Radiology; Lt. Colonel Bronko F. Lelich, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Lt. Colonel Harvey C. Boyd, (Continued on Page 5)

VA Announces New Appraisal Policy on Loans

Control over appraisers of GI loans in northern California was tightened two months ago, and the VA's new method of judging "reasonable value" of property will not slow down loan processing, Col. Thomas J. Cross, VA chief here, said this week.

For the last two months VA loan officers in the San Francisco area have been requiring appraisers to send VA duplicate copies of appraisals at the same time they are sent the lender, Col. Cross said.

During recent months, eight appraisers have been removed from the approved list in this area for unethical practices or because their estimates had been consistently too high.

As of January 2, 1947, VA itself named individual appraisers to appraise specific properties. For the past 15 months, lenders have chosen appraisers from a panel of indi-

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"Breakfast on Nob Hill" Moves to LGH for New Year's Day

The "Breakfast on Nob Hill" radio broadcast was really on the level on New Year's Day, because the broadcasting group transferred activities from Nob Hill and the Fairmont to Letterman and the Recreation Center. The crowd of patients on hand for the 9 a. m. broadcast didn't have that "morning-after-New Year's-Eve" look, either.

Bed patients heard the program through Letterman's own radio station, KLGH. Dale Wights, KLGH announcer, talked during the broadcast about the "Bedside Network" at Letterman, explaining about the 1900 hush-a-tone receivers here at the hospital by means of which patients may listen to programs over any one of four broadcast channels.

Bill Baldwin, the master of ceremonies; Ruby Hunter, the glamor girl of the program, and Bob Day, the announcer, engaged in some amusing chatter about New Year's Eve parties and the difficulties of early rising on January 1, and the patients applauded agreement.

When Baldwin asked what patient present came from the greatest distance from San Francisco, Donald Bloomberg of Boston, Massachusetts, qualified without any trouble. He was told that if he answered one question correctly, there'd be a nice surprise for him.

The question: "Is there a republic in Africa?" His answer: "Yes." He didn't need to give its name, but he did—Liberia. The surprise: A week's vacation for two at Carmel, at the La Playa Hotel, with all expenses paid. Donald was willing. What made it even better was the fact that he hadn't yet been to Carmel.

Three patients were asked to think up screwy New Year resolutions and submit them for applause vote. Leo Montoya of Trinidad, Colorado, won the jackpot on that one with a whole list of resolutions like "never standing in the chow line again" and "never short-sheeting anyone again."

His three-in-one reward was a portable barbecue cooker-upper, a chef's hat for proper atmosphere, and a copy of M. F. K. Fisher's witty book "How To Cook a Wolf." The Wolf referred to is not The Wolf of the popular cartoon series, but The Wolf who is at the door when here's a shortage of cash.

When the Breakfasters called for a man "who was in the Army but had never walked guard," Leon Barton of Blackshear, Georgia, came up to the mike and stated that he



BECAUSE HE'S FROM BOSTON

Donald Bloomberg of Boston, Letterman patient, learns that he's won a one-week trip for two to Carmel with all expenses paid, gift of the "Breakfast on Nob Hill" program given New Year's Day at Letterman. Ruby Hunter looks on while Bill Baldwin tells Bloomberg the good news.

"never did do it, but he sure had heard the fellows talking about it a lot."

He was provided with a wooden gun that could easily be persuaded to make a noise which was a reasonable facsimile of machine gun fire, and told to walk guard outside the Rec Center. He was instructed to challenge all comers, and bring in the victims and make them announce their New Year resolutions.

Every time the Corporal of the Guard brought in a captive they both got a box of candy. As an extra reward for his arduous guard duty Leon received an order on a San Francisco shop for a \$35 pair of made-to-order slacks.

Nicholas M. Babycock was another of the lucky patients. He got an order for a complimentary dinner for two at the Fairmont's Tonga Room, and his only problem was picking his lucky companion.

Three patients participated in the "How Much Do You Know About Money?" contest. Ralph Caspary of Youngstown, Ohio, Jack Munson of

Greenbay, Wisconsin, and Raymond Darrah of Akron, Ohio were each given eight \$1 bills—but not for keeps. They were then asked whose picture appears on the following bills—\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. The one who answered first got to keep \$1 for each correct answer; the also-rans had to hand back 1 each time. Raymond Darrah kept four of his bills; the other two ended up with \$2 each.

Patients who answered "yes" to the query as to whether they had a date for the evening each got a handsome corsage to make the date more festive.

Every patient present was given a gift-wrapped writing kit, and extras were available for distribution to the bed patients.

Following the broadcast, coffee and snails were served by the Red Cross.

Judging by the audience reaction to the show, bringing breakfast from Nob Hill to Letterman was a good idea, and started the New Year off just right.

Beware of "Wacky Accidents" Like These of 1946

By Sgt. Edmund Feldman

(CNS)—This is the age of compilations, the day of the "bests" in cartoons, short stories and recipes. These are anthologies built on almost every conceivable subject matter, murder, baseball, war, married life, unmarried life . . . name it.

Did you name "Accidents?" Didn't think there was one, did you? Well, here it is, through the courtesy of the National Safety Council. Wacky Accidents of 1946:

A simple salmon proved the undoing of James Mantakes of La Grande, Ore. Catching it wasn't too unusual an accident, but on the way home in his car, James was to find that there's many a slip twixt the fish and the fry. When some dust blew into the car and the salmon's gills, Mantakes heard a sneeze in the back seat. He looked around puzzled, saw only the salmon, and turned back to his driving. The salmon sneezed again. Mantakes, now unnerved, whirled around.

He saw the salmon staring at him through bloodshot eyes. Mantakes blinked. At that moment the salmon lunged at a grasshopper blown into the car. The salmon landed smack on the lap of the now thoroughly disorganized Mantakes. His car went crashing off the highway.

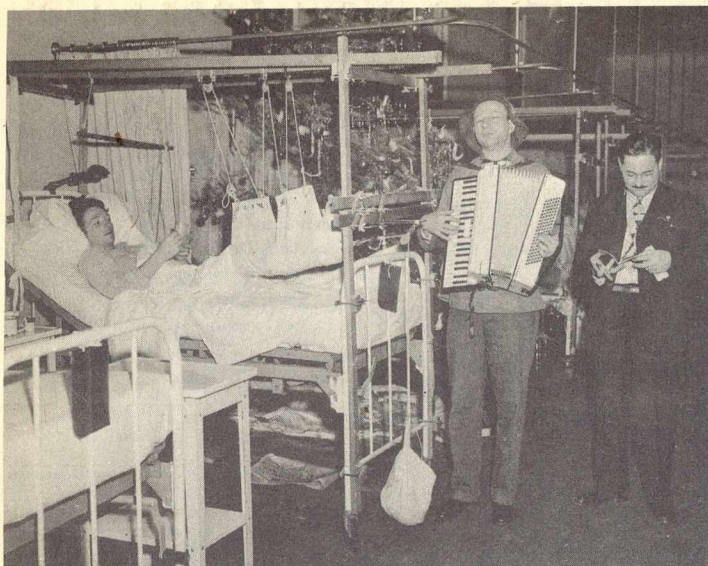
Since this is a compilation, we'll just put the fish story on ice with this little tale. An ice cube, falling from a hotel window, knocked out Jeannette Esslinger of St. Louis . . . knocked her out cold. At the hospital, Miss Esslinger was treated with an ice pack.

Now if you'll follow us to warmer climes, we'll tell you about the man who was shot by a kangaroo. Mr. Arthur Crosbie, of Australia (natch), shot the kangaroo first. He reloaded his gun, walked up to the fallen kangaroo and put the rifle butt against the animal—a la Teddy Roosevelt. The kangaroo suddenly stretched a forepaw against the gun's trigger and shot Crosbie through the arm.

And if you think a rabbit's foot wouldn't do the same thing . . . listen to this one. William Humphrey, 16, hunting near his home in Louisville,

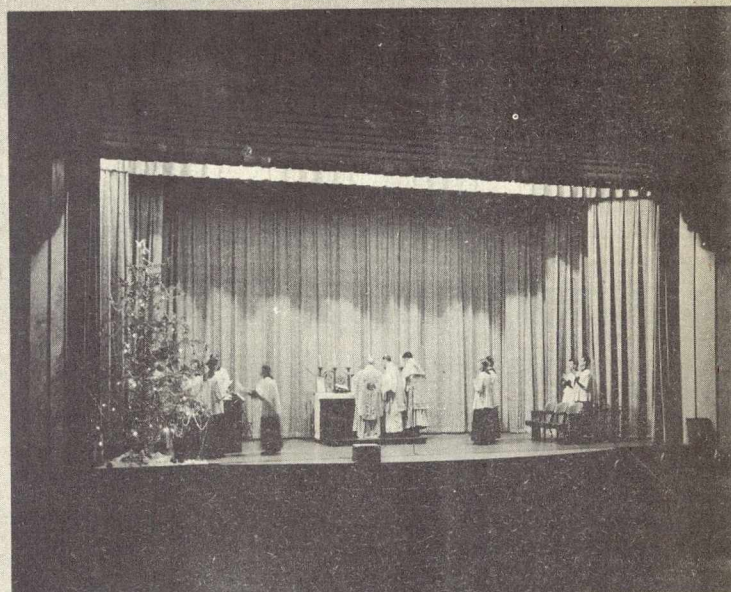
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Around the Letterman Holiday Scene With The Camera



THE "SINGING SAD SACK"

Marvin Joel Betnun, former Army lieutenant, entertained on the wards and in a special show at Letterman last week. His tour is sponsored by B'nai B'rith, Jewish service organization. L. to R: Charles Marshall, Sad Sack, Rabbi E. Kumin.



CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

celebrated at the Presidio Theatre on Christmas Eve, was attended by nearly 1500 persons. It was the only midnight Mass in San Francisco.



"BREAKFAST ON NOB HILL"

radio broadcast from Letterman's Recreation Center on New Year's Day gets a big hand from the patients.



"HOW TO COOK A WOLF"

and the barbecue stand on which to cook it goes to Leo Montoya, patient who thought up the funniest New Year resolutions.

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EDITORIAL

SMART TO STAY IN

Just how smart are you? Can you answer the following questions? What is the difference between the Regular Army and the Army of the United States? Who may enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Army? What is the base pay of grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7?

What is the lowest Army General Classification Test score allowable for enlistment or re-enlistment in the Regular Army? Can a former service man enlist or re-enlist if he has lost time under AW 107 on his last period service? Are all NCO ratings in the Regular Army permanent?

Must a person be a citizen to qualify for Army service? For how long must a man re-enlist in order to retain his rank after 1 January 1947? What is a re-enlistment bonus? What are family allowances? Who are entitled to family allowances? What does it cost an enlisted man if his dependents have dental work done at an Army hospital? How long a period may a man enlist for in the Regular Army?

If you can answer all the above questions correctly you know "It's smart to stay in."—Camp Beale "Bealiner."

Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination. —John Dewey.

WAC

The following girls are to be congratulated on their recent promotions, and they wish to thank the persons responsible for them; S/Sgt. Violet Collings, S/Sgt. Marion Heinz, S/Sgt. Violet Hocking, S/Sgt. Leola Huffman, T/3 Kathleen Coffin, T/3 Anna Laue, T/3 Dorothy Rosenfeld, T/4 Jessie Barnes, T/4 Elinor Davis, T/4 Mary Esani, T/4 Elizabeth Kirby, T/4 Mary Letkiewicz, T/4 Viola Mackie, T/4 Marjorie May, T/4 Christine McConnell, T/4 Rose Ruscak, T/4 Sabina Szymkiewicz, and T/5 Ella Craig.

The hand of fate often plays strange tricks—this was evident when Betty Grohoskys' mother arrived here from Warren, Ohio, the very day that Betty was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy. Due to her mothers' presence, Betty is bound to recover rapidly.

Josephine (Jake) Jacobs will be just a bit skeptical about taking another furlough. It seems whenever she goes away, the acting supply sergeant is taken to the hospital. Better luck next time, Jake, besides, Vi Collings is looking fine now, and feeling much better.

Toward the end of the month, there is a definite lack of cash around a Wac detachment. However this doesn't seem to bother "Hank" Zuzga. She spent last Saturday evening reminiscing and sharing her photo album with her friends.

One of our pleasant personalities is missing these days. We will be glad to see Pat Nacey return from furlough next week.

You must have noticed Ginny Hill dashing around with a collegiate little gentleman . . . That was not just a date with Ginny, it was her favorite brother "Doug." Now that Doug has gone back home, Ginny misses him like any thing.

The army has certainly taught Carolyn Fix how to make the most of any situation. Carolyn arranges a snack bar by her bunk, and proceeds to make herself comfortable listening to the radio, writing letters, embroidering and eating. All this in her own little area.

Another popular Wac in the company is Tony Lester—'cause nobody could get so many phone calls and not be popular. Not only that but we like Tony, too!

A very busy Wac is Lee Witkowski—Lee works in the Serology Lab, and likes her work very much. In addition to this she sells tickets six nights a week at the post theatre.



Congratulations to Captain Dorothy Richter, ANC, who this week received her promotion from first lieutenant to captain.

Two nurses were assigned to Letterman this week upon their return to the Army from civilian life. Welcome to 1st Lieutenants Carol V. Smith and Margaret E. Erickson. While they were away from the Army, both were on duty at the Veterans Hospital, Van Nuys, California.

Welcome also to Capt. Helen C. MacLean, new chief dietitian, who arrived last week from Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, to take over the duties of Captain Sledge, who recently left for Fort Ord. Captain MacLean, who was formerly at Dibble General Hospital, says she is very glad to be back in California.

Lieutenant June Warren of the dietitians' staff announced her engagement to Willard Wright at a Christmas party last week. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

The sympathy of her friends at the hospital is extended to Lieutenant Lucille Travison, ANC, who received word on Christmas Eve that her brother was killed in a mill accident in Leadville, Colorado, that day. She left immediately by plane.

Lieutenant Ann Malone of the dietitians' staff announced her engagement this week to Clifford Sweet, formerly of the Navy. The date for the wedding has not yet been set.

Making it positively a Happy New Year, Captain Betty Myrbro of the dietitians' staff became the bride of

Lee still manages to be a most agreeable person withal.

Frances Jenkins has been attending a USAFI Conference in Madison Wisc. She has been gone a week, we think that's too long to miss a gal like "Jenks." But she will be with us again this week.

At our Orientation classes, Frank Black shows a great deal of interest in the classical music hour. She knows her symphonies too! Can it be she will make music her career?

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 5, 1947

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Robert P. Roff on New Year's Day in a wedding ceremony at Trinity Episcopal Church in San Jose. The groom, who is now a civilian, was the former co-pilot of the late General Stilwell's plane. Mr. and Mrs. Roff will make their home in Washington, D. C.

MORE ON APPRAISALS

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viduals whose general qualifications have been reviewed and approved by VA.

The revised procedure will give VA a closer check on appraisals and eliminate a tendency on the part of some "obliging" appraisers to set a valuation above what VA considers "reasonable value" in order to meet the asking price.

Sufficient qualified appraisers are available to avoid any slowdown in loan processing. Under the new procedure, lenders will ask VA regional officers to designate appraisers by name each time an appraisal is necessary.

Col. Cross said the loan guarantee service intends to review carefully all approved appraisers in the area.

In some cases the new method will save the veteran the appraisal fee, since duplication will be avoided. When an appraisal is made, the price established for a piece of property will stand as the "reasonable value" estimate for the purposes of VA loan guarantee.

If a lender asks the VA to designate an appraiser for property already satisfactorily appraised, he will be furnished the pertinent appraisal data and the veteran will not be charged an appraisal fee.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT DEMOBILIZATION MARKED 1946



DONALD H. FROST
Sergeant

Sergeant Donald Frost was born in Richmond, California, and now, one war and considerable traveling later, he's again living in Richmond. He says people who are having housing problems might try Richmond—that's one place where apartments, complete with furniture, are available.

He grew up in Berkeley, and before coming into the Army in February 1945, did steel construction work. He served in the National Guard for three years, from 1931 to 1934, so he had a pretty good idea in advance of what Army life would be like. After induction at Camp Beale, he was sent to Camp Ellis, Illinois for basic training, then spent a month at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. Next assignment was the Ordnance Depot at Tooele, Utah, where he spent six months.

"I certainly handled a lot of ammunition in that six months," he says. "Everything from one-pound shells to 2,000-pound bombs." He had only one mishap in that time, and it wasn't serious, according to him. "Just a 1,000-pound bomb rolled off my truck one night."

While he was on furlough from Tooele, which he refers to as "Toodle-oo," Sergeant Frost received a wire from his commanding officer transferring him to the Medical Corps and ordering him to report to Letterman. He came here in October 1945, and discovered that he preferred the Medical Corps to Ordnance. He completed the wardmaster's course given by the Training Branch, and worked as wardmaster for nine months. In July he transferred to X-ray, where he is supply sergeant.

Sergeant Frost is married and he and his wife Grace have two sons, 6-year-old Jack and 4-year-old Ray-

By Cpl. Henry H. Jenkins

The past year—the first full year of peace since 1940—was a busy one, during which the nation's Army, Navy and Marine Corps made numerous, far-reaching adjustments to peacetime conditions.

The armed forces largely completed demobilizing their large wartime establishments. In January there were in the Army alone 3,650,000 men, quite a reduction from peak strength of 8,300,000. On July 1 the Army was down to 1,715,000 effectives and today it is even smaller. Personnel of the combined services totaled about 2,500,000 men and women, a drop of approximately 9,850,000 since V-J Day.

The Navy, whose top strength reached 3,400,622, was cut to a peacetime operating strength of 527,314—35,104 officers and 492,210 enlisted men—on August 10. By September 1, every man in blue eligible for demobilization, except volunteers and medical personnel, was discharged.

Sec'y of State James Byrnes disclosed before the United Nations Assembly that the U.S. now has "less than 550,000 troops outside of American territory." In the Philippines, he said, we have 96,000 troops but only about 30,000 are combat forces. These include 17,000 Philippine scouts.

Financing occupation forces will be only one of the fiscal problems facing the services in 1947, despite the largest peacetime military budget in the history of our country. The budget provided \$11,383,201,700 for the fiscal year that began July 1. (The sum is more than one-fourth of the nation's unprecedented over-all peacetime budget of \$41,500,000,000.) However, not all of this is, or will be, actually available, for in early August Pres. Truman ordered a \$1,650,000,000 budget cut—one billion dollars by the Army, the rest by the Navy. He also ordered the services to ab-

mond. Jack has been ill with rheumatic fever for the past six months, and is a patient at the Children's Hospital in Berkeley, and the holidays were marred for the family because Jack wasn't well enough to be home for Christmas. Sergeant Frost's many friends in the hospital are hoping that Jack will recover soon and be home again with his family.

"I'm sorry that other engagements prevent my attending your charity concert, but I shall be with you in spirit."

"That's fine! Where would you like your spirit to sit? We have tickets for half a dollar, a dollar and two dollars."

sorb the cost of military pay increases estimated at about 600 million dollars this year, out of budget amounts.

The military pay increase, signed by the President June 29, boosted servicemen's salaries from fifty to ten per cent, with the biggest raises going to men in the lower grades.

Despite the cuts, the Army and Navy still have a sizable sum on which to base plans for postwar defense of the country. As passed by Congress, the 1947 military budget provides for the maintenance—but reduction—of occupation forces overseas, establishment of a reserve training program, to be expanded in future years, and for considerable scientific research and development.

On June 11 the Army made the most sweeping changes in its organization since the war began. The Service Forces and the nine Service Commands, Army geographical sub-divisions within the States, were abolished. They were supplanted by six Armies, under Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces.

Sounder relationships between officers and enlisted men were insured by actions resulting from recommendations of the Doolittle investigating committee. Off-duty social barriers were abolished and the off-post salute was eliminated in the States and some overseas areas.

Other major developments in 1946, in capsule form, were: A new universal military training plan was advanced by the Army and will be presented to the 80th Congress; Army food received a thorough investigation, an investigating committee recommended founding of a Food Corps; several revisions of the GI Bill of Rights liberalized insurance, eased up on loan and educational provisions for veterans; GI families went overseas.

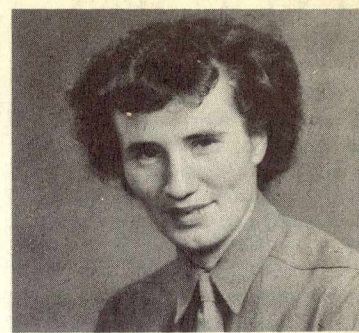
MORE ABOUT RESIDENTS

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Obstetrics and Gynecology; Lt. Colonel Ralph E. Reiner, Orthopedics; Lt. Colonel Donald E. Reiner, General Surgery; Lt. Colonel John W. Lindesty, Ophthalmology; Major Michael J. Hitchko, Orthopedics; Major Edward P. Shannon, Jr., Anesthesia; Major Phillip B. Smith, Psychiatry; Major Andrew C. Offut, Psychiatry; Major Wright A. Gates, Orthopedics; Captain Ben A. Rutledge, Orthopedics; 1st Lieutenant Joseph V. Schetgen, Orthopedics.

The Regular Army has a proposition for you. Talk it over with the Recruiting Officer.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HELEN V. CLINE
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 Helen Virginia Cline has Virginia in her name, and Elizabeth, West Virginia, as her birthplace, but she doesn't have a Virginia southern accent. "I used to have one, but I guess I've just been away from home so much, I lost it somewhere along the way," she says.

Helen recently returned from furlough, and it wasn't a very cheery furlough, either. She went home because of her mother's illness, and in order to get back to duty in time had to travel over the holidays and had the unusual experience of spending Christmas Day on the train. "And I don't recommend it. It wasn't much fun." But she was happy because her mother was out of the hospital before she left.

She's been in the Army since June 1945, and joined after working for two years in a defense plant. "I had two reasons for joining the WAC," she says. "Patriotism and a desire to travel."

After inductions at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, she went to Des Moines for her basic, and then was assigned to duty at Letterman, where she has been ever since. So though the travel wasn't extensive, it was satisfactory, because she had never been in California, and she finds she likes it a lot.

Her first assignment was as movie projectionist at Crissy Field, during which time she saw enough movies to last her a long, long time, she says. She is now supply sergeant with Special Services, and enjoys her work very much.

Helen likes all kinds of sports, with special emphasis on golf and tennis. Swimming, too—"I try to swim," as she puts it. Reading is another favorite off-duty occupation, and murder mysteries are what she likes best. She's read so many of them she's practically an expert on the art of crime detection.

Two War Service Medals Are Now Being Distributed

(CNS)—Two medals, the Women's Army Corps Service Medal and the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, now are available for distribution and may be obtained by authorized persons, the War Department has announced. Two others, the World War II Victory Medal and the American Defense Service Medal, are being readied for distribution.

The Army of Occupation of Germany medal was authorized for service in Germany or Austria-Hungary during the period November 12, 1918—July 11, 1923. It should not be confused with the Army of Occupation Medal authorized for service in enemy countries since the cessation of military operations against an armed enemy in World War II. The newer Army of Occupation medals have not been designed.

Authorized recipients of the Woman's Army Corps Service Medal are those women who served in both the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps between July 20, 1942 and August 31, 1943 and the Women's Army Corps between September 1, 1943 and September 2, 1945.

Persons authorized either of the medals may obtain them by applying to the Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C., enclosing a certified or photostatic copy of their discharge certificate or certificates of service.

The bronze WAC medal carries on its face the head of Pallas Athene superimposed on a sheathed sword crossed with oak leaves and a palm branch within a circle composed of the words "Women's Army Corps." On the reverse side a scroll within an arrangement of 13 stars bears the words "For Service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps." In front of the letters "U S" in lower relief and perched on the scroll, is an eagle with elevated wings. At the bottom is the date "1942-43."

The Army of Occupation of Germany medal is also of bronze and carries a profile of General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

The design for the World War II Victory Medal has been approved but it has not been struck off in sufficient quantities for distribution. This medal is authorized by Act of Congress July 6, 1945, for service between December 7, 1941 and the date of termination of hostilities in World War II.

NEW ENGLAND SENDS CALIFORNIA A SPANISH SENORITA FOR THE ANC



**First Lieutenant PROVIDA ESTERNAN, ANC
Lends her sparkle to Ward K-2**

If charm and glamour is what you like (and who doesn't?) you can find it on ward K-2, where Lieutenant Provida Esteran, ANC, is on duty. Even if you couldn't tell from hearing her name that she boasts a Spanish ancestry, you'd know when you saw those sparkling dark eyes and curly dark hair.

Both her parents were born in Spain, but Lieutenant Esteran is a native of Barre, Vermont, where she grew up and went to school. She received her training as a nurse at Heaton Hospital, Montpelier, Vermont. In becoming a nurse, she was following the family inclination, because her three sisters are nurses, one an anesthetist, and her brother, now studying at the University of Vermont, plans to be a doctor.

Lieutenant Esteran, who is known to her friends as "Billie," came to California even before she was in the Army, and worked as a civilian nurse in the office of a doctor in Hollywood. In May, 1945, while she was at home on a visit, she joined the Army Nurse Corps, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. After a brief time

at a camp in South Carolina, Billie was sent to New Orleans, preparatory to going overseas. The ship on which she sailed had to put in at Panama for repairs, and Billie spent a month at Albrook Air Field there. The month was August, 1945, so Billie did her V-J Day celebrating in Panama, and she says it was quite a celebration.

Since hostilities had ended, the trip overseas was cancelled, and when repairs on the ship were completed, Billie returned to the United States, arriving in Los Angeles in October.

She was at Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, California, for the next six months, then went to Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, where she remained until the hospital closed last June. Then she came to Letterman, and was glad to get back to California. She likes the Army, and has signed up for another year and a half.

Here in San Francisco she likes to explore the city, taking pictures as she goes, because photography is



To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Moran, twins, a boy, **Donald**, weight 5 pounds and 13 ounces, and a girl, **Deana**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 18 December.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Suojanem, a boy, **Oliver Fred**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 19 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John E. Devine, a girl, **Michele Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 2 ounces, born 19 December.

To Major and Mrs. Irving Faling, a boy, **David Scott**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 21 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Melvin T. Edgar, a boy, **Scott Alexander**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 21 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Poliz, a boy, **Ronald Henry**, weight 6 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 22 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles E. Hazel, a girl, **Diane**, weight 4 pounds, born 22 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Norman Weed, a girl **Jennalyn Kristen**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 24 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Fred H. Giroux, a girl, **Dorris Camille**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 24 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Auburn N. Reaves, a boy, **William Auburn**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 27 December.

To Mr. and Mrs. Otis Benton Carrick, a girl, **Carolyn Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 28 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Williard O. Smith, a boy, **Craig Williard**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 28 December.

Help Wanted!

An urgent need exists at Letterman for clerk-typists and clerk-stenographers, according to Civilian Personnel Branch. Those interested in the positions are asked to call at Room 221, Administration Building, LGH.

her hobby. When she gets a chance, she develops and prints the pictures herself. Dancing is another favorite pastime. As to romance, she insists there's "nothing serious."

Anything For A Laugh

Mrs. Smith: "Why did you come in so late last night?"

Mr. Smith: "It was only a quarter to twelve."

Mrs. Smith: "Well, when I looked at the clock it was 3:00 o'clock."

Mr. Smith: "Well, isn't that a quarter of twelve?"

Little Johnny brought home his report card, and with it was a note from the teacher.

"Dear Mrs. Jones," said the note, "Johnny is a bright boy but he spends all his time with the girls. I'm trying to think up a way to cure him."

Mrs. Jones studied the note, wrote as follows:

"Dear Miss Smith, if you find a way to cure him please let me know. I'm having the same trouble with his old man."

City Hall Clerk: "What kind of license do you want?—a California hunting license?"

Chief: "No. I've been hunting long enough. This time I want a marriage license."

Teacher: "How many make a dozen?"

Jimmie: "Twelve."

Teacher: "How many make a million?"

Jimmie: "Very few."

Mrs. A: "Oh, I'm so happy. My husband is going in for anthropology. I've always know that he was capable of doing something worth while."

Mrs. B: "How did you find out?"

Mrs. A: "I found some little green tickets in his pocket and upon them was written 'Mudhorse, 15 to 1.' When I asked him about them, he told me they were relics of a lost race."

"You wrote a policy on a 92-year-old man!" gasped the insurance branch manager.

"Sure," replied the new salesman. "Statistics show that very few men die after 92."

A GI made a bet that he could introduce himself to a girl and marry her within 24 hours. He won. If this doesn't cure him of gambling nothing will.

"RUGGED RUDY FROM REDDING" COMPLETES TEN YEARS AT LGH



**Technical Sergeant RUDOLPH SCHELLHORN
Wardmaster on K-1**

Technical Sergeant Rudolph Schellhorn will be celebrating his tenth anniversary in the Army this month, and all of that time has been spent at Letterman. Because he likes it here so well, it hasn't seemed like 10 years. He's been wardmaster on K-1 for the past nine years. "Letterman's just like home to me," he says.

"I got in on the end of World War I, but that was just because I was a member of the S.A.T.C. when I was going to St. Mary's College in Oakland. It's not worth mentioning," he insists. After that he sold shoes in a San Francisco store for several years, then came back into the Army in 1937, and was assigned to duty at Letterman.

During World War II he made a number of trips as sergeant in charge of hospital trains taking patients to hospitals in various parts of the United States.

"That was before the Hospital Train Unit was formed, and we took patients in regular Pullman cars, trains of 10 or 12 cars. Coming back from one trip there was a wreck near Winnemucca, Nevada. One man was killed and about 75 persons in-

jured. Of course there were no patients on that train, because we were returning from a trip. But there was a doctor and two nurses and eight corpsmen. We did what we could for the injured." What they did earned a special commendation for them from General DeWitt, who was commanding general at Letterman at that.

Sergeant Schellhorn's trips took him to eight states—Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Michigan, Colorado and Utah.

The sergeant was born in Redding, California, and is known around the hospital by the nickname "Rugged Rudy from Redding." He likes sports, especially baseball and football, and also likes horse races, but says he doesn't overdo the betting angle. He enjoys music, both classical and popular, and plays the piano.

He likes to play pinochle, and was one of the three sergeants—Kuntz and Yoemans were the other two—who used to play the game every day at lunch time. Now that Sergeant Kuntz has retired, "Rugged Rudy" and M/Sgt. Yoemans are looking for someone to make a third at pinochle. Any candidates?

RECONDITIONING SAYS

Institute of Industrial Relations:

Offered by the University of California, Extension Division, 540 Powell Street. Classes scheduled to open during February.

Evening classes in Personnel Management, Industrial Relations, and related courses.

Enrollees may select individual courses or pursue sequences of courses leading to certificates of completion.

Duty and Patient Personnel:

All classes and tutoring will be resumed Monday 6 January 1947 . . . English, Math., Spanish, History, Art, Typing, Calculus. If you are not registered, do so now, and receive credit for advanced study.

German Classes:

Fifteen (15) students—regular attendance essential—for German class. All those interested register at E/R Office, Bldg. 1039, the week of 6 January 1947.

San Francisco Museum of Art—Civic Center:

Dance in Our Society—A series of lectures and dance demonstrations sponsored by the San Francisco Dance League and the San Francisco Museum of Art, Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5 at 8 p. m. Program . . . 1. Historical background for the modern dance; 2. Stage design in relation to the dance; 3. The use of voice with the dance.

Famous Film Series: A series of fine films of the past will begin 21 January . . . 30c admission.

1. The Son of the Shiek—directed by George Fitzmaurice, with Vilma Banky and Rudolph Valentino—21 January.

2. Alexander Nevsky, Russian film, directed by Sergei Einsenstein—28 January.

3. Chaplin Festival—The Ring, The Adventurer, The Vagabond, and Easy Street—4 February.

Four High School Diplomas have been awarded to patients this month on the basis of successful completion of the General Educational Development Test.

GI: I hear that the sarge drinks something awful.

Joe: Yeah, I tasted it.

First GI: "How many people work in your office?"

Second GI: "Oh, I'd say about one-third of them."



By T/Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—The irony of glory and the fleetingness of fame are strikingly illustrated by using Glenn Davis as an example. If all the newsprint devoted to the scintillating performances of "Mr. Outside" during four years of collegiate football were to be used to paper the face of the earth, uncovered spots might be almost negligible. But the bitter fact remains—Davis has closed his amateur career without winning the Sullivan award, voted each year to the nation's best athlete.

Considering that the name of Davis has been a household byword in homes of football fans all during his gridiron career at West Point; that he won All-America team selection for the past three years; that he is being sought after by several major league baseball clubs; that he starred in basketball for three years, and that he is one of the top all-around track stars in the nation, his failure to win even a passing nod for the Sullivan award rates among the great oddities of sports.

Still, such is the situation. In the voting of 600 sports experts throughout the country, Davis is the forgotten man. His name does not even appear on the ballot of 10 nominees, which includes his capable teammate, Arnold Tucker, and Notre Dame's All-America QB, Johnny Lujack. The rather feeble explanation is that it all is due to an oversight. Don Ferrie, A.A.U. secretary-treasurer, gives it the once-overlightly treatment this way:

"If I weren't in my position I would say that Davis not only belonged on the list, but would be a cinch to win the trophy. Inasmuch as each association of the A.A.U. is supposed to nominate a candidate after taking a popular poll in its district, I think the Metropolitan A.A.U. (which includes Davis's home town of Claremont) booted it by not nominating Davis."

Contributing factors which provide a touch of sardonic humor to the strange predicament on which Davis has been placed, include: Felix (Doc) Blanchard, the "Mr. Inside" of the most famous "Touchdown Twins" in American football history, also was overlooked in the



GLAMOR GAL

Rita Hayworth, who will brighten the New Year as the Greek goddess Terpsichore in Columbia's musical fantasy "Down to Earth."

nominations in 1945 until Dan Ferris suggested his name, after which the three-time All-American full-back out-distanced the field in the balloting; and none of the candidates this year could be expected to come even close to Davis if his name were on the list.

Metropolitan A.A.U. authorities undoubtedly are a bit red-faced about having nominated Henry Wittenberg, wrestling champion, instead of Davis. And the Southern California officials are not exactly bubbling over with happiness over the sleep-walking act which gave the nod to Zoe Ann Olsen, diving champion, rather than Davis. Rules prohibit a write-in candidate.

Others on the list from which the winner of the Sullivan Award will be selected are: Douglas Lee, Baltimore, Md., wrestler; Mildred Dietz, St. Louis, cyclist and speed skater; Clare Lamore, Olneyville, R. I., Bill Smith of Honolulu, Jimmy McLane, 15-year-old sensation of Akron, Ohio (all swimmers), and Clara M. Schroth, Philadelphia gymnast. Although track stars have won the award 10 of the 16 years it has been made, no thinclads are in the list.

Davis, however, can glean meager consolation for being the victim of one of the most gosh-awful oversights in A.A.U. history. The Heismann Memorial Trophy, awarded each year to the nation's outstand-

MORE 'WACKY' ACCIDENTS

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Ky., bagged a rabbit—but in stuffing the animal into his rucksack, got the rabbit's foot caught in the trigger. Humphrey got a bullet in his foot. Hare-trigger Humphrey, they call him now.

And now for the clincher, a little sparrow that was responsible (though indirectly) for shattering 650 windows, one farm wagon . . . and itself. Chirping away on a farm wagon, was the sparrow. Raissing his rifle for a shot at the bird, was 16-year-old Robert Marth of Plymrough, Wis. And loaded on the wagon, that the bird was sitting on, that the boy was aiming at . . . were 1300 ppounds of dynamite.

The shot missed the bird. Matter of fact it was a little low, and hit the wagon. Result: Robert's gun was taken away from him . . . all on account of a sparrow.

So there you have some off the choice freak accidents of the year. Call 'em "Wackcidents," get yyourself a binding . . . and you haave a new anthology.

ing gridder, was voted to him by a wide margin. And then the (California speedster knows that when it comes down to the real test, Mr. John Q. Public has left little doubt about his rating as the No. 1 man in the 1946 crop of college athletes.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Gigantic strides were made by the Veterans Administration during 1946 to meet the readjustment needs of more than one and one-half million veterans in California.

VA estimates that California gained a net of approximately 250,000 out-of-state veterans during the year, increasing the burden of State VA offices. A total of approximately 1,400,000 veterans of all wars are now living in California.

New programs were created by Congress and given VA to administer.

Congress legislated free automobiles for veterans who had lost a leg or the use of a leg. VA estimates that 1200 California veterans will receive new cars under the program.

An insurance organization as large as one of the big commercial companies was moved to Oakland when VA decentralized its National Service Life Insurance headquarters in New York. Oakland is now one of 13 branch NSLI offices, handling over a million policies in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

The San Francisco regional VA office, starting almost from scratch last year, hired approximately 2,000 employees and trained and organized them into an efficient administrative agency that accomplished these jobs—among others—in 1946:

Guaranteed home, farm and business loans amounting to more than 50 million dollars.

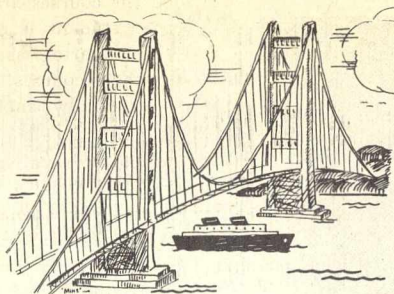
Guided nearly 70,000 veterans into colleges, universities and job training programs, and paid monthly allowances for their subsistence.

Established 26 new contact offices in Northern California to make a total of 44 offices in the region which are now serving an average of 65,000 veterans each month.

Created the mobile office—an office in a bus which made three tours of remote and sparsely settled regions to bring services to veterans who haven't the benefit of permanent VA offices.

Increased monthly disability pension and compensation payments from 39,500 in March to 58,000 on December 1.

Despite these accomplishments, General Bradley and other VA administrators are bending their best efforts to improve the calibre and efficiency of service to veterans during 1947.



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Gen. Mark Clark Will Head Sixth Army at Presidio

The appointment of General Mark W. Clark as commander of the Sixth Army with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco was announced this week by the War Department.

General Clark will take over from Major General George P. Hays, who has been acting commanding general of the Sixth Army since the death of General Joseph W. Stilwell last October. General Clark is now commander-in-chief of American forces in Austria, where he will be replaced by Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keys, who now commands the Third Army.

The date on which General Clark will take over the Sixth Army post has not been announced, but it is thought probable that he will not leave Vienna until after the forthcoming discussions on the Austrian treaty.

General Clark, a 1917 West Point graduate, gained fame in a daring negotiation with pro-Allied French leaders shortly before the American landings in North Africa in November 1942.

He became head of the Fifth Army during the North African campaign, and a year later, following the invasion of Italy, took command of the 15th Army Group in the Mediterranean Theater, which bore the brunt of the bitter fighting in Italy.

The Sixth Army appointment will bring him to the Presidio for the second time, since he served with the 30th Infantry here from 1925 to 1928. As head of the Sixth Army he will succeed a long line of noted soldiers at the Presidio.

Former Presidio commanders include Lieutenant General Philip H. Sheridan, famed Union Army gen-



General MARK W. CLARK
Who has been designated by the War Department
to take command of the Sixth Army

eral of the Civil War; Major General Augustus W. Greeley, hero of an Army polar expedition in the 1880's; and Major General Malin Craig, Presidio commander from 1930 to 1935, who preceded General George C. Marshall as Army chief of staff.

When World War II began, General Clark was on duty with the staff of General Headquarters at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. In May 1942, he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces, with headquarters in Washington.

In June 1942 he became Commanding General of the II Corps,

and the following month was named to command the ground forces in the European Theater of Operations. In November of that year he was made Deputy Commander-in-Chief of forces landing in North Africa, and the following January assumed command of the Fifth Army. In December 1944 he was made commanding general of the 15th Army Group, and in June 1945 became Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Occupational Forces in Austria.

His decorations include the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

VA Now Handles Insurance Accounts In San Francisco

Decentralization of insurance accounts of more than a million World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii to the San Francisco Branch 12 office of the Veterans Administration is now complete, VA announced this week.

Activation of the insurance office marks the end of a major portion of General Omar N. Bradley's program of putting operational VA offices closer to veterans to speed service, Col. Thomas J. Cross, deputy administrator for this area, said.

The Branch 12 insurance service, which employs more than a thousand persons, is actually housed in two downtown office buildings in Oakland, although the mailing address will be 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

Head of insurance activities in this area is D. O. Nelson, New York insurance executive for 18 years and veteran of both wars. Mr. Nelson graduated from West Point in the class of 1913 and served with the regular army for seven years before resigning to go into business. During World War II he served with the Army Air Forces in China and came out of the service in May 1946 with the rank of colonel.

Veterans in the area already have been receiving notices of the change, Mr. Nelson said. Previously, all accounts were maintained in New York.

The new establishment is, in effect, the home office of NSLI policyholders in this area, and comparable in size to one of the large commercial companies. All business concerned with insurance policies issued after October 8, 1940 to World War II veterans will be handled here.

Veterans holding U. S. Government

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Letterman Photographic Laboratory Begins Third Year

Congratulations and kudos this week to the Letterman Photographic Laboratory, which after completing two years of service, is now eagerly embarking on a third. The Photo Lab, as it is familiarly known, is a branch of the Laboratory Service, and operates under the direction of Colonel Kenneth R. Ernst, chief of that service.

The photo lab, which is on L-2 in the main hospital, at first did only clinical photography, later adding Public Relations work to its activities.

The clinical photographs provide, in many cases, a complete photographic history of the patient, showing pre- and post-operative conditions, as well as actual surgical procedures.

A recent addition to the type of



JOHN SCHUTZ

photographic service obtainable at the lab is photomicrography. By means of the photomicrographic camera, photographs are taken of sections of tissue, showing their cellular structure.

The valuable clinical information assembled in the photo lab will eventually be on file in the Army Institute of Pathology, where it will be available to qualified persons interested in medical research.

The photo lab has covered two notable medical activities since it has been in operation—the Conference on Internal Medicine held at Letterman in November 1945, and the American Medical Association national convention held in San Francisco last July.

For the Public Relations office, the photo lab covers newsworthy events at Letterman, taking pictures which are released to the daily newspapers, and also taking all pictures for The Fog Horn.

The staff of the lab is at present amicably divided 50-50 between mil-

itary and civilian personnel, with two of each. John Schutz, now civilian-in-charge, was formerly sergeant-in-charge, and liked it so well he came back to the lab as soon as he received his discharge from the Army. However, since the change from military to civilian clothes did not affect his name, he was and still is exposed to the gags about "Schutz shoots the pictures," and "shots by Schutz." This affects him to the extent that when he signs a print of one of his pictures (shots, we mean) he signs it "John," hoping to discourage the gagsters.

John is from Kenosha, Wisconsin, the state that made cheese famous, but he insists this doesn't account for his preference for the kind of shots known as "cheesecake." He even insists he doesn't have any such preference. But report has it . . .

Before he came into the Army, John lived in Westwood Village, near Los Angeles, worked in a photographic studio there, and also had his own business. He attended U.C.L.A. while he was in southern California.

Once during a trip to San Francisco, John explored the Presidio, and decided it could be his favorite spot to work and live. When he got into the Army he got his wish, and was assigned to duty with the Signal Corps here. Later he transferred to Letterman, when the photo lab was in process of organization. Among the many pictures he has taken since he's been here are a number of distinguished ones of the hospital and the surrounding grounds.

One of his extra-curricula activities is cooperating with the group of patients who make up the Letterman Camera Club, discussing their problems and occasionally giving lectures at their meetings on various aspects of photographic technique.



BOB CANTACESSI



T/Sgt. HAROLD DIXON

Bob Cantacessi, also formerly a Signal Corps photographer, is the other civilian in the photo lab. Bob, who is from Los Angeles, got interested in photography when he was in high school. His uncle is a photographer, and Bob got a lot of pointers from him.

Bob attended Fremont High School in Los Angeles, one of the few high schools that offers a course in photography, so he specialized in it while there. In March 1943 he went into the Army right from school, and after a brief time at Fort Douglas, Utah, was assigned to the Signal Corps laboratory at the Presidio. He was there until July 1945, when he was transferred to the Los Angeles Signal Corps photo lab. He received his discharge from the Army in December, and went to Nebraska for a few months, working in a photographic studio there.

He came back to California last July and came to Letterman. While he was in the Army Bob and the former Memory Marshall were married, and are now engaged in living happily ever after.

T/Sgt. Harold Dixon, known as Dick around the photo lab, is the third member of the staff of four.

He's been in the Army since 1939, and says that since he's now on his eighth year he intends to stay in and make it 20. He was first with the Engineers, and helped organize a mobile Map Reproduction Unit at Fort Lewis, Wash. Later he trained men at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., then went overseas with the 12th Armored Division. He served in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Gergan, Austria, Italy and Africa. Having accumulated 110 points, he got a priority to fly home, and saw some more of the world, including Brazil, British Guiana, and Puerto Rico.

Most interesting assignment since he's been in the Army, says Dick, came when he was at Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., after his return from overseas. He and a master sergeant were sent to Chicago to cover the Army Day parade, and were specially assigned to photograph President Truman's activities. Dick has a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. Malin Craig for his work on that assignment.

Last August, shortly before Dick came to Letterman, he married the former Reatha Knudsen. They drove to California from Michigan on their honeymoon, and are now established in an apartment they found the very day they arrived in San Francisco. Some people are just lucky that way.

The photo lab also boasts a WAC on the staff—T/5 Sally Craig. Sally has been in the WAC since July 1945. She is from Kansas, but was working in a photographic studio in Tacoma, Wash., when she decided to join the WAC. After induction at Seattle, she went to Des Moines for basic training, and was then stationed in the photo lab there for six months. Another six months were spent at Fort Stevens, in Astoria, Ore., after which she came to the Signal Corps laboratory at the Presidio.

She was projectionist at the Post theatre, and she does like movies, but too many of them were tiresome, so she requested a transfer to Letterman, and was assigned here in October.

On New Year's Day, Sally earned a bouquet for getting up early on a holiday to take the pictures at the Recreation Center of the "Breakfast on Nob Hill" radio broadcast for The Fog Horn. And she got the bouquet, too—a corsage presented to her by Bill Baldwin, master of ceremonies on the program.



T/5 SALLY CRAIG

Around and About the Letterman Scene with the Camera



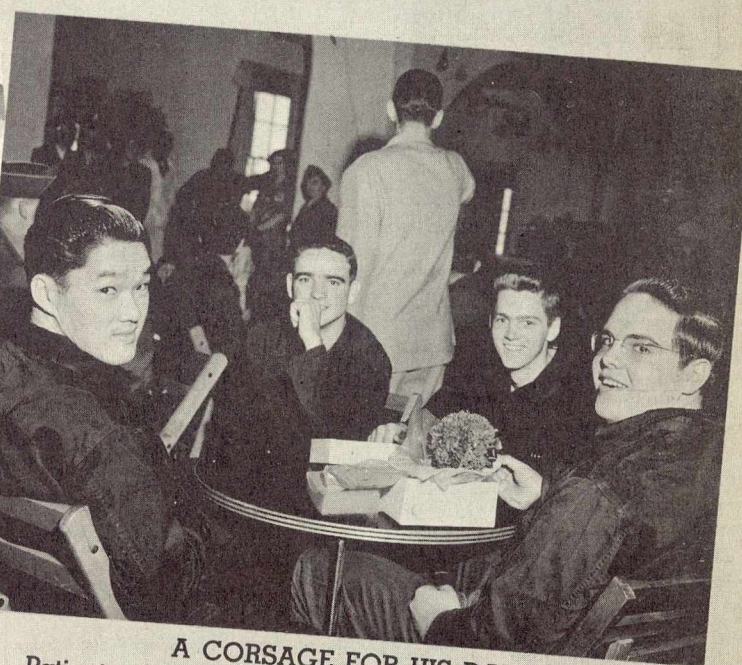
THE FOUR VAGABONDS
Come over from the Copacabana to sing four times four songs at the Recreation Center for Letterman patients.



COLONEL AND MRS. DEAN F. WINN
Receive the guests at the New Year's Eve reception given in their honor at the Letterman Officers' Club.



GETTING GOOD LUCK FOR 1947
It's an old Austrian custom--scratch a pig with a bristle from a chimneysweep's broom and it brings good luck all year. Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. Milton L. Colton helped escort the pig through the wards so the patients could try out the custom. L to R: Frank Murphy, Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Colton, Harold Kirk, Mimai, Okla.



A CORSAGE FOR HIS DATE
Patients who came to the "Breakfast on Nob Hill" radio broadcast at the Recreation Center on New Year's Day got gifts of corsages--so the lucky girls who had dates with Letterman patients that evening each rated a corsage.

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EDITORIAL

MARCH OF DIMES

The 1947 March of Dimes begins January 15 and runs through January 30—16 days. But throughout the year infantile paralysis attacks daily—and our doctors and scientists are still on the offensive against the malady. For 16 days we are afforded the opportunity to furnish year-round ammunition—to pit our dimes and dollars against a ruthless enemy of the nation and its children.

Infantile paralysis presents a formidable picture in any family budget. The cost of caring for a patient averages about \$1,000 a year—some cases up to \$12,000—and stretching over extended periods of five, ten and more years—involving hospitalization, oftentimes surgery, in most cases physical therapy treatments, muscle substitution training and vocational rehabilitation.

Contributions to the March of Dimes have made possible a bulwark against financial anguish when polio strikes. Through gifts to the March of Dimes in the next 16 days, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be enabled to fulfill its pledge of care and treatment for every polio victim, regardless of age, race, creed, color or lack of finances.

Last year our dimes marched against one of the most disastrous polio epidemics to sweep the nation since 1916, the worst in our country's history. When the final tally for 1946

WAC

We want to welcome three new girls to our little family—T/4 Daisy Chappel, T/4 Alice Rich and T/4 Ruth Lutz from Wakeman General. Although the weather is just a bit unfavorable at the moment we hope sincerely that they will like LGH.

We always miss our kids while on furlough, so we are pleased to have Kay Hottinger with us again. Also Rena Regas is back after 17 days in New York City. She seems to have received strength and energy—anyway it is good to see her around again.

What's this about Lektiewicz and Maples keeping their suitors waiting in the day room? Oh well, the gals looked so sharp that the boys seemed to feel the waiting well worth the while.

Christmas doesn't mean only December 25 for Stella Watrus, because she is still getting presents. She says she has more than her share of compacts, but each one has a special meaning for her and there's always room for one more.

A very practical and amicable person is Sue Barnett. Unless it is vitally necessary she doesn't believe in going on sick call. Recently she was suffering from a very bad cold, so she just went and bought herself a portable drug store—cured her cold very nicely.

Speaking of practical people, there's Jesse Barnes and Vi Mackey—they gave themselves a permanent last week. Though they were not too pleased, they certainly put in an unusual appearance the next day.

If you aren't too familiar with Spanish music, and you'd be interested to learn and listen—then it is suggested that you see Lillian Bort, who has a grand selection of Spanish records—Lillian enjoys them more than all else.

is complete indications are that it will exceed 20,000 victims.

It is gratifying to know our gifts helped alleviate the mental and physical suffering of these victims and their families. It must be with added determination to win the fight against the dread malady that we pledge ourselves to support more fully than ever before the current March of Dimes.



Congratulations on their promotions from Second to First Lieutenant go this week to four members of the Army Nurse Corps: Fabiola A. Aragon, Madeline T. Passadori, Virginia Thomas and Natalie E. Walker.

The dietitians staff welcomed a new member this week—First Lieutenant Margaret Franklin, who came to Letterman from Mason General Hospital.

First Lieutenant Ruth Campbell and 2d Lieutenant Dorothy Glidden of Physical Therapy are planning to inspect the beauties of Carmel this week-end, and their friends are wishing them milder weather for the occasion.

Four newcomers got a hearty welcome this week to Physical Therapy Department. They came here from Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana, but all four hail from the East Coast. They are: Lieutenants Doris Slack, Denne Kuntz, Florence Lane, and Leah Crawford.

Back on duty in the Operating Room is Captain Cecelia Romeyn, who spent a holiday leave at home in Ohio, weather or not. And we do mean to spell it like that, because the Middle West was extra cold for Christmas this year.

Nearly fifty of the nurses attended the bridge party held Tuesday evening in the Nurses' Recreation Hall. Plans are now under way to have bridge classes for beginners, so that those who didn't attend because they don't play can enjoy future bridge evenings.

Five additions to the ANC staff were welcomed to Letterman this week: 1st Lieutenant Rosemary Andresen, 1st Lieutenant Mary Ann McCarthy, 1st Lieutenant Eileen P. Casey, 2d Lieutenant Kathryn E. Taylor and 2d Lieutenant Bette L. Tuhovak. Lt. Andresen, who was formerly in the Army, is returning from civilian life. Lt. McCarthy comes from Camp Maxey, Texas, and Lt. Casey from Camp Stoneman, California. Lt. Taylor and Lt. Tuhovak came from Fort Dix, New Jersey, having returned from duty in Germany.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 12, 1947

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

I.C.C. to Rule on Furlough Rates by End of Month

By Camp Newspaper Service

An Interstate Commerce Commission announcement, expected by the end of January, will settle the future of furlough rates for servicemen. Bargain fares for military personnel in uniform remain in effect until January 30, by an ICC extension.

All but four of the railroads east of the Mississippi river announced in November their intentions of abandoning furlough rates December 1. The ICC extended the rate until January 30, 1947, pending a hearing.

A December 11 hearing was held in Washington at which time the various armed services asked the railroads to reconsider. They contended that the present reduced rates should continue as long as there is Selective Service.

MORE ON INSURANCE

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ment Life Insurance policies issued during World War I or prior to October 8, 1940 and whose policy numbers are preceded by the letters "T" or "K," will continue to remit premiums to Washington, D. C., where their accounts are serviced, Mr. Nelson said.

Information concerning G. I. insurance may be obtained from any VA office. Individuals desiring to make premium payments in person may do so at VA offices at 49 Fourth Street in San Francisco and 1305 Franklin Street, Oakland. Other such collection points will be established soon in northern California, according to Mr. Nelson.

WAC OF THE WEEK



AUDREY GORDON
First Sergeant

First Sergeant Audrey Gordon is one of those lucky girls with naturally curly hair, and it frames a charming, vivacious face, which makes her doubly lucky. She's nicknamed "Pat," for "no reason that I know of," she says, and it just suits her.

Pat is an Easterner, born in North Grafton, Massachusetts, but since she grew up in Millbury, she looks upon that as her home town. Her parents live there, and she has four sisters and a brother. One of her sisters was a WAVE, but "I was always partial to the Army," says Pat, so she decided, while she was attending business college in Worcester, Massachusetts, to join the WAC. She was also working at a part-time job as inspector on government work, so she gave up school and job and came into the Army in August 1945, just a week after V-J Day.

After completing her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Pat was assigned there, doing clerical work in the Separation Center. Six months after coming to Des Moines, she was transferred to Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, back in her home state of Massachusetts. She remained there until the hospital closed last September, and was then assigned to Letterman. She is on duty here in the Officers' Personnel Section of Military Personnel.

She likes California—"it certainly grows on you in a hurry," she says, and is still enjoying trips of exploration around San Francisco, because she wants to find out all about it. Favorite off-duty pastimes are swimming and dancing.

For the Christmas holidays she carried her explorations further afield, and went to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with two friends who had recently come to the Coast from Massachusetts. Pat will be in the WAC until next June.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. HARRY MANN

With the reassembling of Congress, legislation affecting the nation's armed forces is again holding the attention of Senators and Representatives. High on the list of national problems to be considered and, if possible, disposed of, by the 80th Congress is a series of bills which will have far reaching effects on the future role and set up of the Army and Navy.

The War Dept. has worked out a comprehensive legislative program which it will try to have enacted by Congress. The proposed laws aim at putting the Army back on a definite, peace time basis. It seeks to eliminate many of the legal uncertainties which the Army suddenly inherited as a result of the cessation of hostilities. The War Department is planning to reconstruct the Army for its peace time functions and as the keeper of the nation's security along lines dictated by war time experiences and the requirements of the atomic age.

Perhaps the leading items on the Army's legislative list are the proposals relating to personnel. The draft expires by statutory limitation on March 27th. In the past few months no new men were taken into the armed forces through Selective Service. Unless forced to obtain men via the induction system, the general belief is that neither the Army nor the Navy is likely to end the draft holiday. On Capital Hill there is a widespread conviction that Congress will not extend the life of the draft act after it expires.

The numerical strength of the Army has been fixed at 1,070,000 effective officers and men as of July 1, 1947. The Army hopes to have this number by mid summer, consisting entirely of volunteers if possible. Army leaders, however, are dubious that the required number of volunteers will be enlisted. If there is a sharp deficit in enlistment figures in the next few months—sharp enough to threaten the attainment of the million man Army—Service officials may be compelled to ask Congress to reenact the draft law.

The Army, looking far beyond the immediate manpower requirements of the Service, wants to build up a sizeable reservoir of trained personnel. In this way, the War Dept. asserts, the nation will have a sufficient force adequately prepared to meet any threat to our national security and also enable us to fulfill our obligations under the United Nations.

The corner stone of the Army's program for building up a trained reserve is the proposed Universal Military Training program. Pres. Truman on Oct. 25, 1946 asked Congress to enact Universal Training legislation, calling for a year's military or quasi-military

instruction for the nation's youths between the ages of 18 and 20. The proposal made little headway towards adoption in the last Congress.

Universal Training will be pushed with renewed vigor in the 80th Congress. The President last month appointed a civilian commission of nine, to study "the basic needs as well as the various plans for universal military training in relation to over-all planning for the national security." If UMT is adopted by Congress, the reserve manpower problem of the Army will be solved in large measure, War Dept. authorities asserted. It would also enable the Army to embark on its long range planning, sure in the knowledge that it will have the trained personnel to carry out those plans.

Perhaps on a par with the UMT bill is the proposal for the merger of the Armed Services. The Army has long been for the unified defense department with a single cabinet head. The Navy on the other hand has been steadfastly opposed to fusing the two Services into one unit. The Navy men want to retain their own department organization and their own Secretary. The Air Force, which would become an independent unit under the proposed merger plan, is behind unification. So is Pres. Truman. But efforts to accomplish the merger of the nation's armed forces in the last Congress failed. Backers of the merger plan will make another bid before the new Congress.

Money is as much an Army-Navy worry as it is to the individual. During the war years, the armed forces had a virtual blank check which was filled in for the amount deemed necessary. Now Congress is reverting back to its traditional practice of scrutinizing military and naval appropriations with minute care. What the size of the Army and Navy budgets for the next fiscal year will be is still a top executive secret. Only Pres. Truman can decide how much each Service shall ask from Congress. But unofficial estimates place the probable appropriations request for the Army alone as between eight and five billions. The Navy's coffers is expected to be filled by about four billions.

Although no formal draft has yet been proposed, there is considerable sentiment in top level Service ranks for a formal declaration by Congress ending the war. Many of the laws under which the Army and Navy are now operating are war measures and hence have only a precarious existence. Coupled with declaring the war officially over a long list of statutes would be reenacted making permanent the organizations and practices built up during the war years.

The Army also plans to formally implement the major recommendations of the Doolittle Committee.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FLOREN ORTIZ
Technician Fourth Grade

Although he's a native of Texas, Sergeant Floren Ortiz claims California as his home state, because his family moved to San Bernardino when he was five, and he grew up and went to school there.

Sergeant Ortiz answers to the nickname of Larry—"guess my own name is just too much trouble to pronounce," he says. He's been in the Army six years, having come in in February 1941 at Fort MacArthur, California. He was sent to Fort Lewis for his basic training, and was with the 41st Division of the 218th Field Artillery. A year later he transferred to the Medical Corps, and went overseas in September 1942 with the 44th Division. He went to the European Theatre of Operations, and served in Company B of the 119th Medical Battalion in France, Germany and Austria.

"That was a collecting company, and I worked mostly out of the battalion aid station. We were awarded the combat medics badge."

On V-E Day, Larry was in Elman, Austria, in the Austrian Alps, and he says they didn't have much of a celebration. "There was too much snow to be running around celebrating." After a short time in Reutta, Austria, he was sent to Camp Pittsburgh in France, then to Marseilles to start for the United States. He arrived home in November 1945.

During the war Larry and the former Helen Chenoweth of Oakland, Oregon, were married, and they are the parents of a 3-year-old daughter, Larrine. While her husband was overseas, Mrs. Ortiz and the baby lived with her family in Oregon, and when Larry got back he re-enlisted after his discharge then spent his 90-day furlough enjoying himself at home with his family.

Sports Quiz...

1. Q—Which is considered the faster game: *handball* or *jai alai*?

A—*Jai alai*, because the player, by hurling the ball out of the cesta (basket) can get far greater rebounding speed than can be achieved with a hand-batted ball. The ball is harder, too, and when it crashes against the wall, the rebound is lightning fast.

2. Q—In what *Olympic games* did *Sonja Henie* win her first figure skating title? How many Olympic titles did she win?

A—The 1928 Olympiad. Three—Miss Henie went on to win the figure skating crown in 1932 and 1936.

3. Q—*Skiing*, as a competitive sport, is divided into five sections. What are they?

A—*Jumping* (most spectacular); *Flying kilometer* (most dangerous); *Slalom* (most graceful); *Cross country* (most gruelling); *Skijoring* (a horse pulls you across the ice—a novelty sport).

4. Q—The *decathlon* contestant takes part in *ten* different track events. How many can you name?

A—100 meters; running broad jump; 16 pound weight throw; running high jump; 400 meters; 110 meters high hurdles; discus throw; pole vault; javelin throw; 1500 meters.

5. Q—With what sports are the following famous trophies associated: *Bendix*; *Heisman*; *Stanley Cup*; *Walker Cup*; *International Gold Challenge Cup*; *America's Cup*; *James E. Sullivan*.

A—*Aviation*; *football*; *hockey*; *golf*; *polo*; *yachting*; *track and field*.

6. Q—*John L. Sullivan*, who never earned more than \$14,000 for any fight, actually earned over a million dollars during his career—but only a small part of it came through actual ring efforts. How much did the Boston "Strong Boy" earn when James J. Corbett dethroned him?

A—*Not a red cent*; in fact, Sullivan suffered a ten grand deficit! The fight was for a \$25,000 purse and side bets of \$10,000, on a winner-take-all basis.

7. Q—What is the maximum distance a broad jumper is allowed to run before making his leap? (a) 30 feet, (b) 45 feet, (c) 60 feet, (d) as darned far as he wants?

A—(d) as darned far as he wants!

PHOTOGRAPHY AND MUSIC AND CINDY MAKE THINGS DIVERTING FOR JEAN



Miss JEAN PEETZ
Secretary, Pathology Laboratory

Jean Peetz, secretary in the Pathology Laboratory, is one of those unusual people who, instead of talking about herself, says complimentary things about her co-workers. And that's only one of her good qualities. Her friends at Letterman know her too for her thoughtfulness and that unflinching sense of humor that makes working with her a pleasure.

"My mother doesn't like nicknames, so she gave me a nice short name that couldn't very well be cut down." At that, it's a wonder people haven't tried calling her Peter after they heard her last name. However . . .

Jean, who is a native of San Francisco, prepared for her present job by taking a two year course as medical secretary at Lux College, earning an Associate Arts degree. Part of her training included practice work at St. Luke's Hospital, where she worked in the offices and the clinic. She came to Letterman in July 1944, and was in the Clinical Laboratory until August 1946, when she transferred to the Pathology Lab.

Her hobby is photography, and she took her first Kodachromes this summer when she went to Vancouver, British Columbia, on her vacation. She and her parents and her sister Ruth made the trip by car, so there was plenty of opportunity to get

good pictures along the way. She has a darkroom at home, and enjoys developing and printing as well as taking the pictures. Jean also collects records, buying them as fast as her budget permits. She likes sweet music best.

On New Year's Day, she was maid of honor at the wedding of her sister Ruth to Bob Eckenroad. Bob is employed in the Lab, and Ruth formerly worked there. Jean's maid-of-honor gift from her sister was a bracelet to go with her zircon-and-diamond ring, and no sooner did she receive the bracelet than she lost the ring. However, after a few days of frantic search, the ring was found again, so all was well in the lost and found department.

One of the companions that gives Jean the most trouble and also the most pleasure is her thoroughbred black cocker spaniel, registered as Princess Cinderella, but more likely to respond to Cinder or Cindy. Cindy's latest prank was to confiscate and consume two teething rings belonging to Jean's baby nephew. The replacement cost of the teething rings was slight, but Jean never knows when Cindy will acquire more expensive tastes, so she has to keep a watchful eye on the family possessions. Good thing Cindy didn't decide on the zircon ring when she was in the mood for rings.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. George Washburn, a boy, **Philip Terrill**, born 29 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, a girl, **Sandra Kay**, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces, born 29 December.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Lenard Bolgen, a girl, **Bonita Mary**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 31 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. William L. Cote, a girl, **Cythia Sue**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 31 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer L. Owens, a boy, **Luther J.**, weight 5 pounds and 1 ounce, born 2 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Norman A. Wallace, a boy, **Thomas Francis**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 2 January.

To Major and Mrs. Cyril Weigle, a boy, **Richard Stewart**, born 3 January.

To CWO and Mrs. Richard M. Meadors, a boy, **Richard Stirret**, born 3 January.

U. S. Geological Survey Announces Personnel Needs

The U. S. Geological Survey announces openings for Engineers, Topographers, Surveyors, Topographic Draftsmen and Photogrammetrists. The positions are in the classified Federal service, and appointment to them will be made under temporary Civil Service regulations.

Permanent appointments will be made later as a result of examinations to be announced by the Civil Service commission, and incumbents will have an opportunity to acquire permanent status through examination.

Salaries for these job range from \$2,168 to \$3,397 per year, and information as to requirements of education and experience is as posted on the Letterman bulletin boards. Any additional information needed can be obtained from Civilian Personnel Branch, Room 221, Administration Building, LGH.

Applications for the positions may be sent in on Standard Form 57, to Division Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, Box 346, Sacramento.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

With 48,000 ex-GI's returning this week to northern California colleges and schools, the Veterans Administration is calling attention to some education benefits of which veteran students may be unaware.

Blinded veterans attending school under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act may receive reader service if their vision is so impaired that self-reading is inadvisable or impossible. VA estimates that afflicted students require about two hours of reader service a week for each credit hour being taken.

A recent VA ruling applies to students who must take field trips as a part of courses for which they are enrolled under the GI Bill.

Disabled veterans who need more than the usual four years of training to reach their occupational objectives may be able to take additional training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Severely disabled veterans who cannot attain employability in four years, and those who lose time in their courses because of health or other personal reasons beyond their control, are expected to be helped by this VA ruling.

Question: "How long can I wait to get a VA guaranteed loan to build a home?"

Answer: You can apply at any time within 10 years from the official end of the war, which has not been declared.

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Question: "I'm receiving compensation for a service connected disability. This disability has become worse since I let my GI insurance lapse. Does this mean that I cannot reinstate my insurance?"

Answer: If you are not totally disabled and if you have no impairment of health other than your service-connected disability, you can reinstate your GI insurance. If reinstatement is applied for prior to January 1, 1950, all other health requirements will be waived.

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Question: "My wife is also a veteran, but she does not have sufficient education time to her credit to complete the college work she wants. Can I give her part of the education time that is coming to me?"

Answer: No. Each veteran gets his own credit, based upon length of service. This cannot be given to anyone else.

HE WANTED TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE AND HE GOT BOTH IN THE ARMY



Staff Sergeant CARL STEIN
Now on his third tour of duty at Letterman

Staff Sergeant Carl Stein, who came into the Army in 1926 with a desire to travel, has certainly had his desire fulfilled, having seen service in the Philippines, Alaska, Honolulu, India, China and the United States. Along with the travel he wanted adventure, and he got that, too.

He was first in the Air Corps, and was in the Philippines for two years. When he returned to the United States he was stationed at Crissy Field (that was when it was an air field). On his next re-enlistment he changed to the Medical Department, and was at Letterman for two years, the first of three tours of duty here. The next time at LGH was in 1933, after three years in Honolulu. Then came some time out from the Army—five years during which he drove a Greyhound bus.

When World War II began he enlisted with a Quartermaster Truck Corps, and went to Alaska for a year, where he got used to, but didn't care for, temperatures as low as 72 degrees below zero.

He next went back to the Medical Corps and was assigned to Station Hospital, Camp Hood, Texas. When a call came from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana for "pipeline engineers," Sergeant Stein responded, and this

led to his assignment to one of the 21 companies that worked on constructing the oil pipeline from Calcutta, India, to Kunming, China. Sergeant Stein was in charge of a five-bed hospital which took care of detachments scattered over 700 miles.

"That was really rugged country," he says. "One night I woke up and found a tiger sniffing at my feet. He decided against them, though, and I was mighty glad went he went away."

While on the pipeline assignment, Sergeant Stein had an opportunity to volunteer to drive over General Stilwell's Burma Road, taking equipment from Lido to Kunming.

"It was the most hazardous driving I ever did, and I've done a lot of driving," he says. "It took 14 days to cover 1,078 miles. Coming back it took just three and a half hours. I flew back."

He returned to the United States in November 1945, and after receiving his discharge, he promptly re-enlisted, and went home to Burbank, California, for a wonderful 90-day furlough. When that was over, he was assigned to duty at Letterman, and came here in February. Since then he has been on duty in the hospital CQ, in the Motor Pool, and in

Anything For A Laugh

Solider: I once loved a girl who made a fool of me.

Wac: What a lasting impression she must have made.

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Soldier: What's that gurgling noise?

Wac: It's me trying to swallow your line.

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An experimenter says mice will kill themselves drinking whiskey if they get a chance.

Are you a man or a mouse?

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A notorious gold brick sent a note to his company commander, "Could I get two weeks furlough to convalesce from a traumatic perrosy-novitis of the flexor digitorum sublimus in profundis muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint?"

"Request turned down," the C.O. jotted on the message. "A sore finger isn't enough reason."

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Give some guys enough rope and they'll skip with your girl.

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A soldier walked into a restaurant on pay day and ordered the \$3.50 dinner. The waitress looked at him and asked, "Do you want that on white or rye?"

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"This Army life," said the lieutenant "is telling on me. I'm beginning to resemble my official photo."

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"How do you like living in a puppet?"

"Got no room to complain."

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A woman's club debated for two hours on the most dreaded disease among women and finally decided it was lockjaw!

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A divinity student named Tweedle refused to accept his degree. He didn't object to the tweedle, but he hated the "tweedle, D. D."

Special Services. He is now assigned to Outpatient Service.

On December 21 Sergeant Stein and Lt. Mary Pringle of Special Services were married in Reno, and after a brief honeymoon returned to the apartment they were lucky enough to find near the post. Mrs. Stein is leaving the Army this week. Their many friends at Letterman wish them much happiness.

Warmin' The Bench

(CNS)—Since this column's conductor, Sgt. Clarence Smith, is on leave, this pinch-hitter figured it fitting to feature a top sports personality with the same first handle—Clarence L. Munn. And like Smith, Munn hails from Minnesota.

An all-American grid player at Minnesota, Munn, now coaching at Michigan State, acquired his nickname "Biggie" from a sport with which he has little to do—wrestling. Michigan State College's newly-named football coach recounted the incident that tagged him with the name which has stuck down through the years.

"It was during my prep days at North High School in Minneapolis that a fellow by the name of Wayne (Big) Munn was getting a lot of publicity as king of the heavyweight wrestlers. Because of the similarity of surnames and the fact that at 172 pounds I was considered a pretty husky lad, I was handed the handle 'Big!' Later at the University of Minnesota, I became intimately known as 'Biggie' and here I am with it.

"Besides, who cares particularly for the name 'Clarence?'" (Sgt. Smith doesn't, either, being known to CNS personnel as 'Smitty'.)

But to get back to Coach Biggie Munn, the new Michigan State coach remarked: "I am old fashioned enough to believe that people go to college primarily to extend formal education, and that college football is played by boys who want to play football."

Coach Munn planted the embryo of his policy in a brief 30-hour preliminary visit to the college just prior to taking over the gridiron reins on January 1. Munn recently resigned as head coach at Syracuse to succeed Charles W. Bachman, mentor of Michigan State football since 1933. A firm believer in a heady quarterback, Coach Munn told his listeners that no system of football is effective if there is no one to run the team. Even at this early stage of the new year he is holding periodic meetings with quarterback candidates.

Biggie Munn believes in getting a real head start. "We may not win them all in '47," said the man from Minnesota, "Nor do we expect to lose them all."

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After Bobby Feller's unprecedented strikeout record of last season,



JUNE IN JANUARY

The wintry discomforts of the year's first month are as remote as early summer for beautiful Ava Gardner, MGM starlet. Protected by a huge, gaily colored umbrella, she's warding off the sun rays on the beach of a sub-tropical resort.

rabid Cleveland fans labored under the delusion that Rapid Robert would eclipse the late Walter Johnson's career record of 3,497 whiffs.

However, the Indians' fireballer's chances of surpassing The Big Train's record were spoiled by his military service. In Feller's eight seasons in the majors (two incomplete) he struck out 1,640 men. Johnson in his first eight seasons (all complete) fanned 1,682 men. Bob is too far away from Johnson's total, but he would have had an excellent chance to top the Washington wonderman but for his wartime service.

Assuming that Feller would have struck out 250 men in each of the four seasons he spent in the Navy, his lifetime total would suddenly become 2,640, leaving him only 659 strikeouts behind Johnson's all-time record. Bobby, though, will be blazing them in better than ever, if his record 348 strikeouts of 1946 is any criterion.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

A man is happiest when he is doing something for his own good. And what could do more in the way of goodness than improving his education? There is satisfaction in learning anything that's useful. Never before has so much in the field of education been offered to so many, both to those in the services and to veterans, for so little cost. It would be a personal crime not to take advantage of the learning that is available just for the asking.

USAFI—the United States Armed Forces Institute—is an Army-Navy School with a world campus. Courses are offered as correspondence courses, self-teaching courses on high school, technical and college levels. Credits may be granted for these courses. The initial enrollment costs only \$2 with absolutely no further expense for additional courses

provided the courses are completed. One eager student is on record at USAFI Headquarters as having completed over 40 courses! This type of study is especially beneficial for bed patients.

For ambulatory patients and duty personnel there is a treasury of courses of study open—a selection of more than 300 such courses, ranging from personality development to aviation ground school subjects and including homemaking, arts and crafts, shopwork, elementary and high school subjects, business and commercial courses, parental education, salesmanship and preparation of income tax reports—conducted by the public schools in their adult education program and free of charge.

The University of California Extension Division at 540 Powell, San Francisco, begins its spring classes this month.

Stop in the Educational Reconditioning Office for the latest list of courses and the schedules.

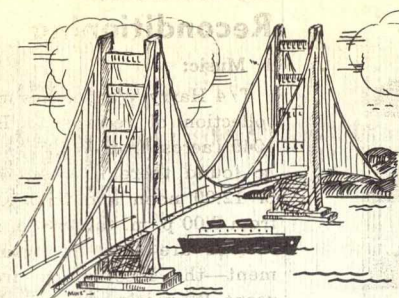
Classes have been resumed on-the-post and are open to both patient and duty personnel. One of the popular classes is the Speech Class—records are cut by the students as an aid too improving their speaking voice. To register for any class, go to Bldg. 11039.

Then there are the General Educational Development Tests. Although activities were practically at a standstill during the holidays, four high school diplomas were granted on the basis of successful completion of the GED Tests. States which issued them were Missouri, Arizona, Nebraska and the Territory of Hawaii. If you have not completed high school BE SURE to stop in the office for information on how you may obtain your high school diploma. Even though you've been out of school for 20 years, you've gained a lot of knowledge—let's see how much.

If you're going to San Francisco Junior College, or are interested in going—examinations and registration for new and old students will be taken care of between now and 24 January.

Gompers Trade School begins new spring classes on 3 February. There are opening in the Creative Art Class. Transportation is furnished to and from Gompers and S. F. Jr. College.

The draftee called up for examination claimed exemption on the grounds of poor eyesight—and brought his wife along for evidence.



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Miss Grace Guilford Is New Red Cross Field Director Here

Miss Grace Guilford, newly-appointed Field Director of the American Red Cross chapter at Letterman, arrived this week from Portland, Oregon, to take over her new duties.

She brings to her new assignment a wealth of training and experience in social work, which makes her unusually well qualified to direct the activities of the Red Cross organization here. The Red Cross activities began at Letterman in 1917, and have operated continuously at the hospital since that time.

The Field Director is administratively responsible to the Commanding Officer for the Red Cross program, and she directs a staff of social workers, recreation workers and aides. The program in an Army hospital is planned to help patients derive maximum benefits from hospital care by aiding in the solution of personal and family problems, and by means of recreation and diversion for both ambulatory and bed patients.

Miss Guilford is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she made her home until 1937. She attended Macalester College and the University of Minnesota, and after receiving her degree she was appointed assistant director for the Minnesota State Emergency Relief Administration. In 1937 she went to Portland, Oregon, as director of social work for the Multnomah County Public Welfare Commission.

In 1943 Miss Guilford joined the staff of the Red Cross, and for two years she recruited personnel on the Pacific Coast for both domestic and overseas duty. Her headquarters were in San Francisco, but her du-



Miss GRACE GUILFORD
New Field Director, Letterman General Hospital,
American Red Cross

ties took her on trips up and down the coast for interviews with prospective workers.

She then went back to Portland, and was Director of Field Service for Oregon State Public Welfare until she returned to Red Cross work this month. She is happy to be back in San Francisco, and for the present is living at the Womens' City Club, but with the hope that an apartment will be available before too

long.

Miss Guilford is a member of the American Association of University Women, the American Association of Social Workers, the National Conference of Social Workers and the American Public Welfare Association.

Her new co-workers at Letterman extend a hearty welcome and the hope that she will enjoy her new assignment.

Civil Service Announces Clerk Examinations

An assembled examination for Clerk, grades CAF-1 through CAF-4, was announced this week by the Civil Service Commission. Applications of those who wish to take the examination must be received by 29 January 1947.

Civilian employees of Letterman who do not have permanent civil service status are eligible to take this examination, and patients and duty personnel of the hospital are also eligible. Applications may be obtained from Civilian Personnel Branch, Room 221, Administration Building.

Salaries, based on the Federal work week of 40 hours, range from \$1756 to \$2394 a year minimum, with provision for yearly increases. Persons who are already Federal employees in positions which are in the classified civil service, and whose salaries have been increased above the basic entrance salary, may be permitted to retain the benefits of their salary increases (but not beyond the maximum for the grade to which appointed), in accepting an appointment from the registers resulting from this examination, or they may have a non-status appointment converted to a permanent status.

The types of clerical positions to be filled from the examination are: Accounting, Fiscal, Audit, Statistical, Editorial, Appointment, Time, Leave, Payroll, Proofreader, Personnel, Information, Stock, Purchasing, Expediting, Property & Supply, Traffic, Correspondence, Mail, File & Record, and similar positions.

The detailed announcement of the examination is posted on the Letterman bulletin boards.

If You Guess "Who's Guilty?" KLGH Pays Off In Prizes

Have you heard the "Who's Guilty?" program? It's a new half-hour mystery show broadcast every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8 p. m. over Letterman's radio station KLGH. What's more it's broadcast right here on the post, at the Army "Y" auditorium, and ambulatory patients who wish to look as well as listen are invited to attend the broadcasts.

As you can tell from the title of the program, it's a whodunit feature, but with a different quirk. Patients on Letterman wards act as bedside detectives during the show. For the first show, the detectives were on Ward E-2.

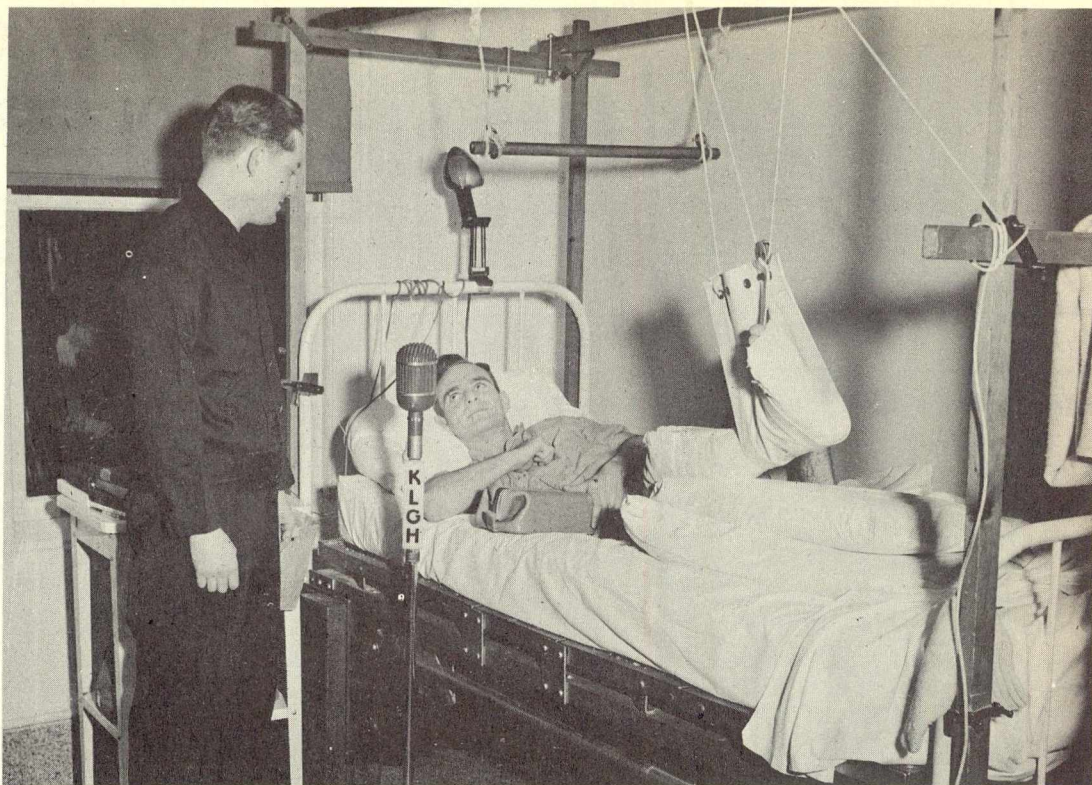
This is how it's done: The show was "The Willows' Murders," and the script, telling the story of murder and attempted murder, was enacted up to the point of solution. Then the Roving Mikeman from KLGH, stationed on Ward E-2, questioned the patients on their deductions as to which of the suspects did the deed. He has provided the patients with cards listing the suspects, so that they could make notes of their suspicions while the show was going on.

The Roving Mikeman was also a patient, Herman Goldberg of ward 27, who in civilian life was a radio producer and announcer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The audience at the broadcast heard what the patients had to say about the ones they thought guilty. Each one who named his suspect was asked to back up his assertion with his reasons, and a group of four judges, headed by "Pop" Loomis, executive secretary and director of the "Y" here, decided on the winner.

Eight patients on E-2 submitted answers, and more than one named the guilty man correctly, but Fred Knight of Dallas, Texas, was the one the judges decided gave the best reasons for his suspicions. Fred has been a patient at Letterman since October, and during that time has read enough mysteries to make him an expert detective, it would seem. He qualified for the prize awarded by KLGH, a saddle leather travel kit, which was presented to him by the Roving Mikeman.

The other patients who acted as detectives were Charles Brown of San Antonio, Texas; Ted Chavez, Dexter, New Mexico; John Vella, New York; Irvin Heibman, Los Angeles, California; Lloyd Hede, Seat-



HE SOLVED THE MYSTERY AND WON THE PRIZE
Herman Goldberg, Roving Mikeman for KLGH, presents a saddle leather travel kit to Fred Knight of Dallas, Texas, patient on ward E-2, who won the kit as a prize for solving the mystery on the "Who's Guilty?" program broadcast from the "Y" auditorium.

tle, Washington; Louis Colunga, Colton, California and Ted Shaw, Pasadena, California.

The script for "The Willows' Murders" was written by Bob Herrick, program director of the "Y." He has also written the scripts for the plays to be used on the forthcoming "Who's Guilty?" programs.

Members of the cast of the show were from the Masquers' Club, the Presidio's GI-GSO Drama Group. Miss Harriet Baken, music instructor at Letterman, provided the musical accompaniment during the program.

The show, which is scheduled for an indefinite number of weeks, made its bow last week, and "Pop" Loomis reports that right after the broadcast he began getting calls from Letterman patients who told him how much they liked the show, and patients on several wards have already asked to be put on the list to act as Bedside Detectives.

On this week's show the participating ward was E-1. Patients who would be interested in acting as bedside detectives may phone their requests either to the "Y" or to

station KLGH.

Don't forget to learn "Who's

Guilty?" on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8 p. m.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED SERVICES FORCES LEGISLATION

By Sgt. H. M. Taylor, Jr.

Bills pertaining to veterans affairs were among 157 proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on opening day of the new Congressional session. Now before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs are: three bills to permit ex-servicemen to cash terminal leave bonds immediately, one proposal to allow veterans first priority in the purchase of surplus property, one bill providing that discharged personnel not be required to belong to labor unions as a condition of employment, and a fifth proposal to make mustering out pay retroactive for service to Sept. 16, 1940, instead of Dec. 7, 1941, the date now used.

The highly important service legislation dealing with Universal Military Training, service merger, the draft, the budget for the coming fiscal year, and various "reform" proposals of the Doolittle Board, has not yet been formally introduced, although all indica-

tions point to an energetic War Department legislative program in the near future.

Little known, but highly important, is the route service legislation travels, even before proposals are formally introduced in the Senate or House. Party groups called Steering Committees figure largely in the organizing of legislation for the new Congress.

It is in the Steering Committee that policy is first determined, long before legislation reaches the established legislative committees of both branches. It is in the Steering Committee also that compromises are worked out and individual views reduced before proponents go into debate with opponents on the floor.

Heading the Senate Steering Committee on the Republican side is Sen. Robert A. Taft, Ohio; in the House, Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Mass. Democrats appointed Sen. Alban Barkley, Ky., and Rep. Sam Rayburn, Texas.

The Camera Eye Looks In On Letterman's Station KLGH



IN THE KLGH OFFICE
Station Manager John Miller (left) and Jim Fritzell (right), writer announcer, collaborate on a script to be broadcast to Letterman patients.



THE CONTROL ROOM
With Dale Wights keeping everything under control while a KLGH program is under way.



THE KLGH STUDIO
With L to R: Dale Wights, Verna Miller and Jim Fritzell broadcasting. The studio walls have recently been given acoustical treatment (sound-proofed, that is).



SHOW AT THE RECREATION CENTER
The "Singing Sad Sack" entertains the patients. Bed patients hear recreation center shows through the facilities of KLGH.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

NOT SO DISABLED

The War Department last month inaugurated a plan to enlist 5,000 physically handicapped combat veterans of World War II in the Regular Army. If the experiment is successful, quotas may be enlarged, and the same opportunity may be offered to qualified non-combat disabled veterans.

Enlisting these disabled veterans will help satisfy the Army's need for skilled manpower. The plan was not designed as a gesture to the handicapped, but simply with the desire to utilize the services of trained and potentially trainable ex-soldiers. Study of the development of special skills by partially disabled men has proved that, in many occupations, such men are as valuable as men unhindered by any handicap.

The applicant must meet all the usual standards for enlistment and general military service, with the exception of the established physical qualification. Medical officers will pass finally on each man's physical condition. Generally, to be accepted, the combat disabled veterans must be capable of caring unaided for his own personal needs; he must be physically capable of performing useful service in the job for which he is selected; and his condition must be such that further hospitalization or time-loss from duty because of the combat-incurred disability may not

NSLI Insurance Deadline is Now February 1

The deadline for reinstating lapsed permanent (converted) National Service Life Insurance policies without a medical examination has been extended from January 1, 1947 to February 1, 1947, it was announced this week by the Veterans Administration.

Veterans who have let their converted NSLI policies lapse, VA said, now have an additional month in which to renew their insurance by merely signing a "comparative health statement" that they are in as good health as when their policies were dropped, and paying back premiums plus interest.

The privilege of reinstating lapsed term NSLI with a similar comparative health statement also expires February 1, according to present law, VA pointed out. Only two monthly payments need be made to reinstate "term" insurance.

be expected. In addition, he must possess, or be trainable in, certain critically needed skills. More than 100 critical military occupational specialists have been listed as open to the combat-disabled.

All accepted applicants will sign for a full three-year term in the Regular Army, Unassigned. They may continue to re-enlist until they have completed their Regular Army careers and become eligible for retirement. During their period of military service, any pension or other government compensation will be suspended. If they sign up before 31 January 1947, or after that date but within 20 days from date of discharge, they will be enlisted in the grade held at time of discharge. Otherwise, they will be enlisted as privates. Partially disabled personnel in Army hospitals, awaiting disability discharge, will be discharged, when appropriate, under current regulations, in order to preserve their veterans' rights. They will not be discharged for the convenience of the Government in order to enlist under this plan. However, after they have been discharged on CDD, they may be enlisted.—Col. George R. Evans, in Army Information Digest.



Flying in from Oahu last week was 1st Lieutenant Ruth M. Valleskey in the role of patient and now on the roster of O-1. The lieutenant is a former Lettermanite and was assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse during most of her tour here. She has had three tours of foreign service in the past six years and is not averse to going back—but not to Oahu—if the medics give her clearance.

Five newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman were welcomed this week: Captain Margaret M. Mathews, 1st Lt. Jeanne E. Marquis, 1st Lt. Alice Bechtelheimer, 1st Lt. Urdine Henderson, and 2d Lt. Dorothy M. Henderson.

Weekly bridge parties are being held at the Nurses' Recreation Hall on Tuesday evenings, and an instructor is present to teach beginners or to give pointers to the more experienced players who want to brush up on their game.

Lt. Charlotte Higgins, a new member of the dietitians staff, arrived this week from Halloran General Hospital at Long Island, N. Y. Our frosty weather shouldn't bother her a bit, in view of those reports of cold waves to the east of us.

Captain Vida Buehler of Physical Therapy was welcomed back this week after an emergency leave of several weeks necessitated by the illness of her mother in Seattle.

Physical Therapy also welcomed three newcomers this week: Lt. Aileen Lasse, Lt. Emily Mueller and Lt. Mary Driscoll. All three came to Letterman from Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana.

Major Anne Benton, ANC, is back from her holiday leave spent at her home in Georgia, with that Southern accent as honey-soothing as ever. She and Lt. Rebecca Amend flew back together, and Lieutenant Amend went to Pittsburgh while Major Benton went to Georgia. Coming back they met in Chicago and came back by air. Both report a wonderful time.

Two other ANC returnees from Christmas leave are Major Dora Noble, who went to Salt Lake City, and

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 19, 1947

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Anglers' Club To Have Weekly Fly-Tying Classes

Patients interested in fly-tying are cordially invited to attend classes each Saturday morning at 9:00 a. m. in Bldg. 1068. These classes are being offered as a special project of the Letterman Anglers' Club. Mr. Phil Katz and Miss Betty King, two of the most highly skilled fly-tyers in San Francisco will instruct the classes.

Bed patients who desire to learn to tie flies, please contact Miss Lillian Jones, ARC Recreation Center (Ext. 2563), and a teacher will be sent to you.

Come over to Building 1068 next Saturday morning and start tying flies or look over the situation. You need not be a club member to take advantage of the class.

Work is the true elixir of life. The busiest man is the happiest man. Excellence in any art or profession is attained only by hard and persistent work. Never believe that you are perfect. When a man imagines, even after years of striving, that he has attained perfection, his decline begins—Sir Theodore Martin.

Captain Thelma Goodman, who spent her leave in Arizona.

Lt. Gertrude Shaffer of Physical Therapy is the proud owner of a new De Soto club coupe, custom built. Her mother and sister are here from Seattle to visit her, and they are trying out the new car this week-end on a trip to Carmel.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ROSE RUSCAK
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Rose Ruscak (pronounced Rusak) had thought for some time that she would like to be a nurse, and when WACs were recruited for hospital work as "Blue Angels for Purple Hearts," she gave up her job and joined the Army, knowing she'd have a chance to work in a hospital, even if not as a nurse.

She was trained as a medical technician at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was then assigned to O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri. She remained at O'Reilly until the hospital closed, working as wardmaster. Rose came to Letterman in September, and is on duty in septic surgery. She likes her work and finds it very interesting.

Rose was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania, and later moved to another town in the same state, Homestead, where she grew up. Before she joined the WAC she sold cosmetics, and no doubt the reason she was a success at that she was because she is sold on them. That is she's sold on the certain brand she handled. Rose doesn't look as though she needs to use any cosmetics herself.

She likes sports, and goes in for bowling, skating, swimming and horseback riding, with special emphasis on the riding. She particularly enjoys riding along the beach. Maybe all that sports activity accounts for that "no cosmetics needed" look.

She expects to receive her discharge next June, and plans to go back to a selling job again. But this time she wants it to be in California, because since she's lived here she has liked it so much she wants to make her home here.

"I've made lots of new friends here, and I like San Francisco so much I've decided I want to stay," she says.

Gen. Johnson Urges U. S. Industry Go IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Underground for Safety in Atomic Era

Washington (CNS)—In a move to gear critical national defense industries for safe operation in the age of atomic warfare, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, has assigned an underground site board" to make an inventory of underground industrial locations and to plan the dispersion and protection underground of manufacturing plants.

Urging that industrial plants go underground, Brig. Gen. Robert Wood Johnson, retired Army officer and former vice chairman of the War Production Board, declared that now was the time to start planning, when hundreds of new plants are being built.

Gen. Johnson, in an article appearing in Army Ordnance, urged that production experts be brought in to a discussion with the military to solve the problem of underground industry and to put the solution into effect.

According to reports from Gen. Eisenhower's underground site selection group, many potential sites have been discarded because they did not meet the necessary requirements. Suitable sites must be at least 30,000 square feet in area, ceilings must be at least 10 feet high, and a railroad must run within five miles.

Few of the nation's underground wonders like Mammoth Cave in Kentucky or New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns are suited for manufacturing, preliminary investigations disclosed.

Mines and quarries currently being investigated seem to offer the best possible facilities for underground industrial plants. One difficulty, however, is that mining operations have spewed mountains of slag nearby, tell-tale land marks easily spotted by enemy aircraft.

In his report in Army Ordnance, Gen. Johnson urged that manufacturers planning new factories consider underground sites as a defense against guided missiles and the atom bomb. He quoted Gen. Carl Spaatz, AAF Commander, when he said that in a third war our enemies would attempt to destroy us in the first few days, and would have the means to do so*** if our industrial plants were not in a position to withstand the first onslaught and continue to manufacture weapons and materials needed for immediate and continued defense.

Commenting on the site board's investigations, a spokesman declared that industry would not be asked to do anything. He stated, "we'll simply assemble what information we can, present it to the manufacturers, and leave it up to them where they go from there."



NORMAN R. ROSEN
Technician Fifth Grade

At Wright College in Chicago, where Corporal Norman Rosen played fullback on the football team, they called him "Truck" and here at Letterman the nickname is still with him, which ought to keep him from getting homesick.

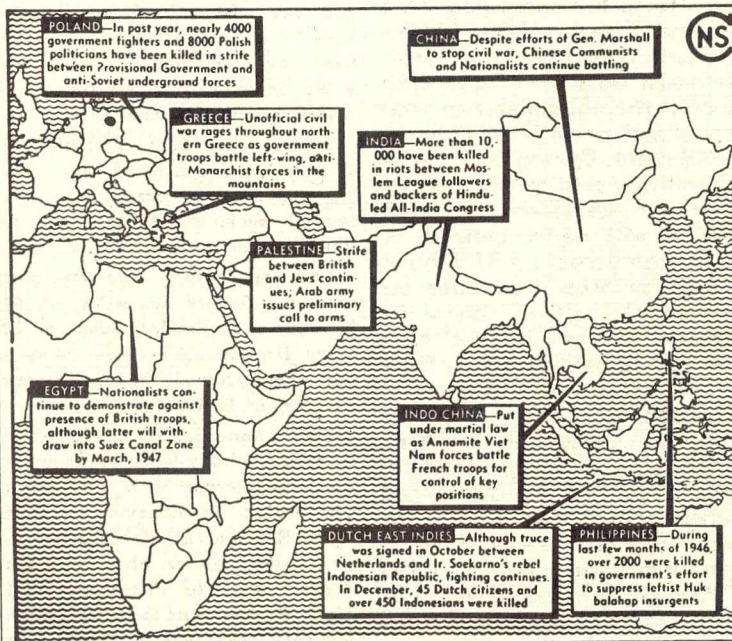
He had finished two years at Wright when he came into the Army, and was taking a Liberal Arts course, "but with a law course to come," he says. He plans to continue his studies after he receives his discharge, and would like to enter the University of Chicago. He's been in the Army nearly a year, and under present conditions can look forward to getting out in September of this year.

Meanwhile he's getting the most out of his assignment at Letterman, where he has spent the better part of his time in the Army. He completed the Training Branch course for wardmasters, and for a time was wardmaster on ward 14. Later he was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado, to attend a course for X-ray technicians, and since his return to Letterman has been on duty in the X-ray laboratory. He likes this because "we keep busy every minute, and time certainly flies."

After completing his training at Fitzsimons, Truck had a delay en route to LGH, and used the time to visit his parents in Chicago. He got back to San Francisco on Thanksgiving Day, just in time for the big Thanksgiving dinner at Letterman. "And it was a wonderful dinner, too," he says. "Next best thing to being able to stay home and have it with my family."

He likes San Francisco, and calls Letterman "a swell place to be stationed—there's something going on all the time—special entertainment and shows and sports events."

Problems Before UN



Acme

Although the world is entering the second year of peace since the end of World War II, all is not serene in many parts of the universe. Map shows trouble spots, new problems to be worked out by UN in its role to straighten out world relations.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Edna Goyan of the OB clinic and Lt. James C. Gallops, Assistant Registrar, surprised their friends here when they announced that they were married in Reno last week end. Congratulations and best wishes for happiness to Lt. and Mrs. Gallops from their friends at the hospital.

Another couple who are getting good wishes for happiness are Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, who were married New Year's Eve in Reno. Mrs. Collins is the former Helen Haran of Officers' Pay Section.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel is back at her desk after spending a white Christmas at home with her family in Iowa. She flew home and back—her first trip by air—and she now thinks that's the one and only way to travel.

Esther Kleinclaus wants a formula for starting her car quickly in cold weather. For two mornings in succession the car had to be pushed several blocks before it got under way, and it was really a strain on her sunny disposition.

Ruth Moore Corbelli, who was at Letterman when she was in the WAC, has been welcomed back as a civilian employee, and is now in the Registrar's office.

Now that Dottie Grumm of the Detachment of Patients office is back at work, having recovered from her cold, she is spending her leisure moments on Ward K-1 cheering up a certain patient who recently underwent an operation.

Welcome this week to six newcomers among the civilian personnel: Patricia Johnson, former WAC, to EENT Section; Kathleen Willette to Out-Patient Branch; Juanita Lawton, former WAC, to Finance Department; Jean Hall and Fraida Stillwater to Laboratory Service; Espiridion Lopez to Finance Department.

You wouldn't think a holiday to Texas would involve snow, but Lillian Jones of Dental Branch can testify that it does. The drive back with her friends was one encounter after another with snow storms. Lillian was pleasantly surprised to see Lt. Col. Frank Day, former Adjutant at Letterman, while she was in Texas. He is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, and Lillian went to dinner at the home of Col. Day and his wife before she returned. He asked to be remembered to his friends at Letterman.

HER "ROCK HOUND" HOBBY LED TO AVOCATION OF JEWELRY DESIGNING



Captain VIRGINIA BREED
In charge of Letterman's Separation Center

Ever hear of chrysocollo? Neither had we, until we admired the handsome ring Captain Virginia Breed was wearing—a blue-green stone set in silver. It looked to us like jade, but Captain Breed explained that it was chrysocollo. She cut and polished and set the stone herself, designing the setting as well.

Captain Breed, who is in charge of Letterman's Separation Center, calls herself a "rock hound," the colloquial term for collectors of agates, moonstones, "thunder eggs," and other stones with jewel potentialities. Several years ago she became interested in collecting the stones, then learned how to cut and polish them, began to design settings for them, and acquired the necessary equipment to do the work herself. She has designed and made rings, earrings, pins, bracelets and necklaces.

At an exhibit held by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, Captain Breed entered two cases of silver jewelry she had made, and the entry won first prize.

She has collected the stones for her work on the beach at Santa Barbara and at Carmel, in the Mo-

jave desert and in Death Valley. She is a member of the Sequoia Mineralogical Society.

Captain Breed was born in Brookings, South Dakota, and was graduated from South Dakota State College. Her family moved to Santa Monica, California, and she taught speech and dramatics in the California schools. She also taught jewelry designs to adults at night classes.

She came into the WAC in August 1943, and after an assignment at Fort Meade, Md., attended the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., and was then assigned as Director of Personnel at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va. After the hospital closed last April, she was assistant adjutant for the Virginia Military District, stationed at Richmond.

She had been hoping for a West Coast assignment, and got her wish when she was sent to Letterman in October. She has been in charge of the Separation Center ever since, and is now looking forward to July—"then I can separate myself," she says. She intends to take a long vacation, and to do a lot of "rock-hounding."



To Captain and Mrs. Floyd L. Sprague, a boy, **Arthur La Mar**, weight 7 pound and 3½ ounces, born 6 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John J. Becker, a boy, **Steven Fredrick**, weight 6 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 7 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Jessie G. Hoover, a boy, **Robert Neil**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 7 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Schultz, a girl, **Mary Ellen**, weight 5 pounds and 9 ounces, born 7 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon R. Prichard, a girl, **Sheela Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 10¼ ounces, born 7 January.

To CWO and Mrs. Charles Berg, a girl, **Elizabeth Sue**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 8 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Frank D. McElwee, a boy, **Frank Dixon, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 9 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Alvin J. Ricles, a boy, **Fredrick Alvin**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 11 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John L. Stensby, a girl, **Ginger**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 11 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Freeman McDonald, a boy, **Kirk Galbraith**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 13 January.

YOUNG PROSPECTS: (CNS)

—A few weeks ago, the Mystery Theatre featured a drama about a 16-year-old boy. The lad's story first appeared in a mystery magazine, and was deemed good material for the famous radio show. When the Mystery Theatre tried to get the address of the author, the magazine declined to give it. A fan letter, marked "please forward" finally brought results. The young author, Leonard Thompson, was found in Cambridge, Mass. He had no phone, but was reached through a neighborhood store. When the ad agency asked him if he'd sell his story for \$350, there was a long pause. The agency man, fearful of that ominous pause, jumped the offer to \$400. Again a pause. Then he said \$425. The boy on the other end, it turned out, wasn't trying to raise the price—he was just tongue-tied by the large sum, and couldn't reply for a moment! P.S. He got the \$425.

MEDICAL DETACH

After a two week holiday from basketball, the Letterman cagers started the New Year with a bang by defeating three teams in one week. They started with a 49 to 42 win over Oakland Naval Hospital and continued their winning ways over Dentonis 40 to 31. Dentonis had beaten the Letterman club earlier in the season. San Bruno Athletic Club was the third victim, 51 to 19. Charles Malone lead the scoring department for those three games with a total of 29 points.

Last Tuesday night they added their fourth straight victim by beating Golden Gate Athletic Club 30 to 19. Charles Gorman was high point man with 8.

Charles Malone, Fred Haun and Charles Gorman composed the forward wall of Letterman's team. Art Miller and Jim Macholtz round out the first five with Lloyd Schuneman the number one replacement.

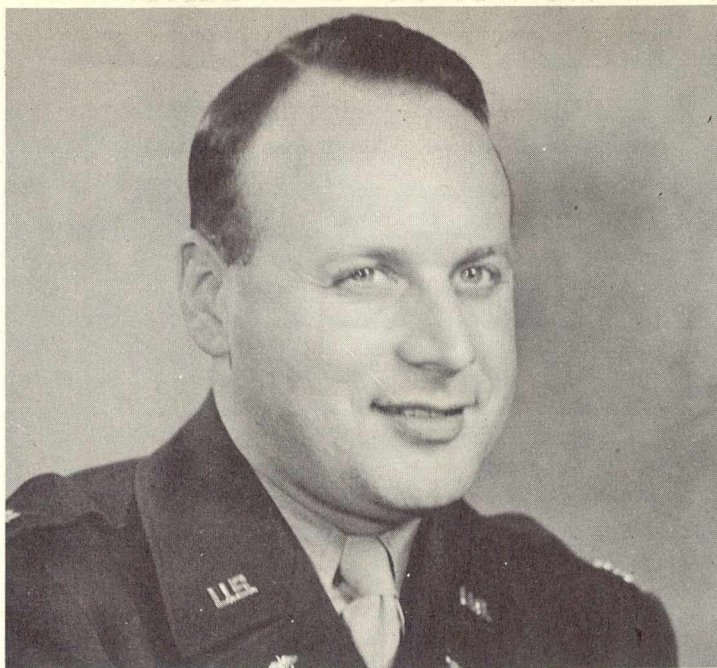
Sam Shaw, Ken McRoeden and Bob Langen have shown improvement during the past two weeks and are competing strongly with Schuneman for Macholtz' position. Their season's record so far is 14 wins and only 5 losses. Chelinis Athletic Club, composed of several former University of San Francisco players, will play Letterman here this week. On February 3, the squad will travel to Moraga, where they will play the St. Mary's JV's. Both teams are expected to provide stiff competition. On January 24, the home team will travel to Fort Ord for a game Friday night, and then skip to Monterey where they play Saturday night.

From February 10th to the 15th, the Letterman team will leave for Fort Lewis, Washington, where they will compete in a tournament composed of several service teams from the Sixth Army area. Coach Hicks will take at least twelve men on the seven day trip.

Two ping pong tournaments will be held on January 27. One will be for Detachment personnel and the other for patients. Winners will receive trophies. Mike Levinson and Sgt. Hicks will be in charge of the two tourneys. Pairings will be made when all of the entries are received. Signs now in the gymnasium.

Most accidents occur when the driver hugs the wrong curve.

BRINGS BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AS ADJUTANT



Major EARLE A. PAXSON, MAC
New Adjutant at Letterman

Major Earle A. Paxson, who has just been appointed Adjutant at Letterman, finds himself with familiar duties, since this is the fourth general hospital where he has had this assignment.

He was adjutant at Schick General Hospital in Clinton, Iowa, for two and a half years; at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, and at Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina, before coming to Letterman. At Moore he was executive officer as well as Adjutant.

Major Paxson was born in Staten Island, New York, and before he entered the Army did bookkeeping and accounting. He enlisted in the Regular Army in October 1940, and his first Medical Department assignment was at the General Dispensary in New York City. After a time at Billings General Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, he attended Officers' Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and received his commission in May 1942.

He was then assigned to the Medical Department Replacement Training Center at Camp Grant, Illinois. The following February he went to Schick General Hospital, where he remained until June 1945.

"Before I left Schick, I issued orders which sent my wife overseas, so she got there ahead of me," he

says. His wife is the former Gertrude Schuldt of the Army Nurse Corps, and they met and married while they were both assigned at Schick.

Major Paxson attended Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, before he left for overseas duty. He went to the Philippines, and after his arrival in Manila, had a chance to fly to Okinawa, where he hoped he would find Mrs. Paxson, though he wasn't sure she was still there. Luck was with him, and while he was on duty in Manila, he flew to Okinawa three times to see her.

"My wife served on Okinawa and Saipan, and she wears the family battle stars," he says proudly. Mrs. Paxson came home in November 1945, while Major Paxson went to Japan, to remain until February 1946. When he came back to the United States, he was assigned to Lawson General Hospital and to Moore, before coming to Letterman.

After Moore closed, Major Paxson and his wife enjoyed a trip which took them to Florida, New York, Iowa, and Arizona, where they visited various members of their families.

Major Paxson is a philatelist, and collects unusual commemorative U. S. stamps. In the sports field, he likes golf, basketball and baseball.

WAC

Sylvia Winer is filled with anticipation—She's not only counting the days, she is also checking off the hours until her Chuck returns to her.

With everyone so busy these days, it is often difficult to remember where our girls are working—so—the gal who serves with such a grand smile at the east hospital P.X. is Edith Altenberg.

Toby Peglin, it seems, intends to adopt "Twinkle"—'cause she spends all of her noon hours teaching her new tricks.

"Patti," Captain Chapin's dog, is up and about again and plenty frisky too, after her long illness. The only thing Patti lost was a toe, but golly, a toe can be awfully important to a little dog.

Caroline Powers is back into the swing of things once more after spending a furlough with her daughter.

With new girls coming to L.G.H., we never want to miss an opportunity to give them a hearty welcome. Our latest WAC is Edith Rullman. With her sweet personality, Edith is already winning her way into the detachment.

Dorcas Rosenfelds' baby "Thunder Puddle," gave her quite a bad time last week. Lucky for her she only received a slight foot injury—Dorcas did—not the car. Please drive T.P. carefully, Dorcas—we're pretty fond of you, you know.

Keeping her fingers crossed, Mary Lynch is anxiously awaiting orders to leave for Japan. Though we will miss Mary, we know too, that she will make the most of her newest venture. Wish you the best of everything, Mary.

Even though "Hank" Zuzga objects to publicity we can't help telling you to have a good furlough, "Hank." Make the most of every minute, remember, this is a privilege granted to you by the Army!

First Sergeant Opal (Borders) Glenn will be back with us this week. She has been on furlough with her husband in Texas. We will truly welcome Opal back. It isn't easy to get along without your 1st Sgt., especially when she's as congenial and co-operative as Opal.

We want to thank Frances Black for taking permanent C.Q. We realize what this means to you. And the girls are indeed grateful.

A very happy birthday to a very happy girl, Josephine (Jake) Jacobs.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

The new appraisal system for GI loans, adopted January 1 by Veterans Administration, has brought many inquiries from veterans who want to know what it is all about and what it means to them.

The system now used by VA differs from the old in only one respect. VA now in each case names the appraiser to investigate and evaluate property which a veteran wishes to buy with a GI loan. Under the old system the lender could choose an appraiser from a list previously approved by VA.

What does the change mean to the veteran? Banks and other lending institutions believe that the centralized control of appraisal assignments by VA should assure loan applicants of the complete impartiality of the appraisers. The appraiser is in no way dependent on the lender, the seller, the broker or the builder for the work he is called upon to do.

The individual veteran's procedure in applying for a GI loan remains the same as it has always been. After the veteran has decided on his property and consulted the lender of his choice, the lender will then call VA which will designate the appraiser.

VA emphasizes that though every effort within the basic provisions of the law is being exerted to insure that appraisers live up to their moral and professional obligations, the loan applicant must assume his share of responsibility by choosing his property carefully.

Question: "I am a disabled veteran taking training under Public Law 16. Is it possible for me to make a small loan from the Government?"

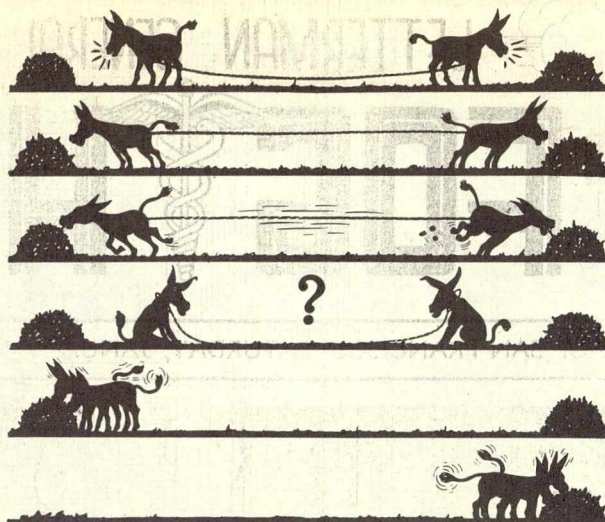
Answer: Yes, but loans cannot exceed \$100 and they are made only to veterans approved for vocational training when the need is shown.

Question: "I was captured in World War II and was in a prisoner of war camp for 15 months. My claim for compensation has been denied. Now my disability is getting worse. What can I do?"

Answer: Get in touch with your nearest VA office. Veterans Administration recently announced that special consideration will be given to disability claims from repatriated prisoners of war.

They got Junior to eat olives by starting him off on Martinis.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
San Francisco, California



COOPERATION

ONLY WITH THE COMPLETE CO-
OPERATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL,
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, CAN WE
ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION.

D. F. Winn
D. F. WINN
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH

"What's this young man doing here at this hour?"

"He's doing fine, papa."

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"Hello, little girl, want a ride?"

"No thanks, I'm walking back from one now."

* * *

"Do you girls really like conceited men better than the other kind?"

"What other kind?"

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Thirty days hath September,
April, June and Private Bender: He serves them now, with no reprieve, for being absent without leave.

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Visitor: "Do you have a hard time obtaining the necessities of life up here in the mountains?"

Hill-billy: "We sure do. And after we git it, half the stuff ain't fit to drink."

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Saint Peter: "And what was your good deed on earth?"

Paymaster: "I slowed down the pay line by several hours, thus giving the soldiers less time for foolishly spending their money."

Then there was the cross-eyed professor who couldn't control his pupils.

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"Sir, I have something here which will make you popular, make you happier, and bring you a host of new friends."

"I'll take a quart."

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Here lies the body of Private Grogan: He died of a heart attack. His cleaning was promised Tuesday, And on Tuesday he got it back.

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Captain: "Have you cleaned the deck and polished the brass?"

Sailor: "Yes sir and I've swept the horizon with my good old trusty telescope."

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Sgt.: "How did you get the black eye?"

Cpl.: "For kissing the bride after the ceremony."

Sgt.: "But I thought that was the custom."

Cpl.: "This was three years after the ceremony."

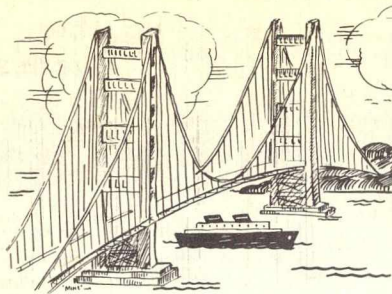
Educational Reconditioning

1. Music:

T/4 Harry Wagner has moved his collection of records to Bldg. No. 1049 (across from Wd. S-1) and may be found there between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p. m. and from 6:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. These records are there for your enjoyment—the records are from Sergeant Wagner's own private collections, and he has approximately 25,000. The ones on hand are the favorite selections of both patient and detachment from the various hospitals where he has been stationed. Over 5,000 of the most popular classical records may be found with the aid of Sgt. Wagner—just ask for it, and he will do his best to please you. The group of music-lovers who may usually be found listening to his records have been fortunate enough to attend (for free) most of the Symphony series which are presently at the Opera House, the Ballet series, the operas, concerts, recitals, and numerous other musical activities.

The "Music of the Masters" hour heard over station KLGH, 6:30 to 7:30 in the evenings is a well-balanced program during which select symphonic recordings are used from Sgt. Wagner's record library.

To further your knowledge and appreciation of music, and listening to music of all types—USAFI offers an education manual HOW TO LISTEN TO MUSIC with accompanying records. Miss Harriet Baken, music instructor, uses this book in her classes. To quote from EM 616, "This book and the records that go with it have been made for members of the armed forces who like to listen to music and who want to become familiar with the elements of music—melody, harmony, and rhythm—as well as with voices and instruments which produce music sounds. If you study the chapters on musical forms, you should be able to recognize the structure of folk songs, symphonies, sonatas, rondos, tone poems, etc.; and by the end of the course you should be able to listen to nearly any concert and not only understand what the concert program tells you you are to hear, but comprehend what the composers were trying to say musically." All the directions you need to take the course are in this book—the book is available for loan at the E/R Office, Bldg. No. 1039.



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SGO Personnel Chief Was Here From Washington

Back to Letterman for the first time in his new capacity came this week Colonel George E. Armstrong, M. C., Director of Personnel, Office of the Surgeon General in the War Department at Washington.

Colonel Armstrong started in his army career at Letterman when he reported here on 1 July 1925 to begin his internship under a reserve commission in the medical corps. A year later he was appointed to the regular army and has served continuously since that time. After the manner of the regulars he has covered a bit of territory in the ensuing years with stations at Schofield Barracks, Fort Stotsenburg, and Tientsin, Benning, and Carlisle during the years of peace.

The early war years were spent at Carlisle and then to Camp Berkeley where he was the assistant commandant at the Medical Administrative Corps Officers Candidate School where thousands of young officers were trained and sent all over the world. In 1943 Colonel Armstrong went out to C-B-I Theatre as Deputy Chief Surgeon and the following year when that command was divided into India-Burma and China Theatres he became Chief Surgeon for the latter command.

Colonel Armstrong was appointed Director of Personnel, SGO, in June of last year and has seen the "dis-integration," the integration, and worked on the proposed re-organization of the Medical Department. At the present time his staff is engaged in the preparation of personnel legislation to the Congress. High up on the list is the formation of an Army Nurse Corps as part of the regular army. The present set-up is AUS and for the duration only. Another new section of the Medical Department proposed is the Medi-



DISCUSSING PERSONNEL PROGRAM
Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer (left), confers with Colonel George E. Armstrong, Director of Personnel, Office of The Surgeon General.

cal Service Corps for male officers. This will include the officers of the old MAC and PC and make provision for the commissioning of other specialists not eligible under the old law. There is also a plan for a Womens Medical Service Corps to include PTs, dietitians, and OTs and female specialists in allied fields. The status of the medical officer will be improved to approach more closely the opportunities offered to physicians in civil life.

The new medical training program

is also partly under the supervision of Colonel Armstrong. At present there are 175 residencies in nine general hospitals filled by regulars or applicants for the regular army. More than 200 civilian consultants are a part of this program.

On this tour of visits Colonel Armstrong has called at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Madigan General Hospital, and will go to McCornack General Hospital and Beaumont General Hospital from Letterman.

Secretary of AMA Council on Training Visits Letterman

Dr. Frode Jensen, secretary of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, was a visitor here on Wednesday for a formal inspection of the facilities available to medical officers participating in the new professional training program organized by the Surgeon General.

Dr. Jensen was escorted by Colonel Dean F. Winn, the commanding officer, on a tour of the hospital which included the office of the Registrar, the laboratory, the radiology section, the medical library, the physical medicine section, and the surgical service. The records, equipment, and personnel of each department were appraised in connection with the visit.

At noon Dr. Jensen was the guest of honor at a luncheon with the commanding officer and the heads of all departments during which there was an informal discussion of the training program in effect at Letterman. In the evening Dr. Jensen was again a guest at dinner held in the Letterman Club where he had the opportunity to meet the consultants assigned to this hospital.

In residence training at the present time here are 29 medical officers of the regular army taking internal medicine, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, anesthesia, ophthalmology and otolaryngology, radiology, neuropsychiatry, and pathology. It is anticipated that the Letterman facilities will be expended to give approved residence training also in genitourinary surgery, neurosurgery, and physical therapy.

Dr. Jensen is one of the consultants to the Surgeon General on the new medical training program.

LGH March of Dimes Contributions Come From Every State

Letterman patients and personnel put their dimes and dollars into milk bottles this week, and it wasn't for hoarding purposes. It was for the March of Dimes. A table on the ramp near the PX was lined up with milk bottles, labeled for each of the 48 states and Hawaii and Alaska.

Every one of the bottles got contributions, and in the opening two days of the drive \$168.35 was collected, reports 1st Lt. Frances V. Peterson, MAC, March of Dimes chairman. First Lt. Albert Raby, MAC, is assisting Lieutenant Peterson. The drive will continue until January 30.

For the first two days California was in the lead in contributions, with Texas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Arizona following in that order. Daily contributions from each state are totaled on the bulletin board over the table, and people who stop to see how their state is doing usually drop another dime to help it along. Those who are Californians by adoption usually do right by California and by their home state too.

The \$64 question is a piker compared to that facing a person stricken by infantile paralysis, it has been pointed out by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, who again this year heads the March of Dimes. "Could you afford to pay \$35 a day for four months if you were stricken by polio?" he asks in his appeal stressing the vital need to support this year's March of Dimes. He added that the \$35 a day rate is by no means unusual in treating polio patients.

Typical of such high case costs was that of Floyd Little, 35, of Sulphur, Okla., whose care was paid by the Murray County Chapter of the National Foundation. Charges included \$24 daily for nurses, \$6 for hospital room and \$4 for incidentals. The itemization does not include physician's fee, which also came from the March of Dimes.

When this patient came down with polio two years ago he was paralyzed from neck to toes. Completely helpless and in severe pain he required constant nursing attention those first four months. Today, still in the hospital, he has, thanks to the March of Dimes, recovered use of his left hand and arm and spends several hours each day in



MARCH OF DIMES CONTRIBUTORS FROM SIX STATES

Clink money into their home state milk bottles. The March of Dimes table is on the Letterman ramp near the PX. L. to R.: T/5 Elizabeth R. Kirby, WAC, S, Syracuse, N. Y.; Robert Newsome, Baltimore, Md., Ward E-2; Harry King, Hayward, Calif., ward 29; Ruth Jensen, Salt Lake City, Utah, Payroll Branch; Joseph Villeco, Mt. Laurel, N. J., ward D-1; Cpl. John Duncan, Omaha, Nebr., Separation Center.

a "walker" learning how to use his legs again.

The expensive cost of hospital treatment and prolonged care has been paid in full by the Murray County Chapter, supplemented with funds from the National Foundation's March of Dimes in fulfillment of the pledge that no one stricken with polio need go untreated for lack of money, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Polio is one of the costliest diseases to treat, and few families, even with substantial incomes, can afford hospital, doctors' bills, nurses' fees and additional costs of long-term convalescent care.

Local chapters of the National Foundation, with money raised through the annual March of Dimes for this purpose, stand ready throughout the nation to offer financial assistance whenever and wherever the disease strikes.

If chapters run low on funds, or exhaust them quickly for a single emergency case or for epidemic needs as they did last year in 39 states including Minnesota, Texas, Florida, Illinois and other less seriously affected areas, national head-

quarters send sums to meet the community's bill.

During last summer's epidemic, funds of more than 350 local chapters were completely exhausted in 39 states in providing hospitalization and medical care for polio victims. These chapters were enabled to carry on by supplementary funds of more than four million dollars which national headquarters supplied. All these chapters depend on this year's drive for funds to continue their activities.

Half the March of Dimes contributions remain with local chapters. The other half goes to national headquarters for scientific research, education and epidemic aid.

Research is carried on in medical centers and laboratories to which the National Foundation makes grants. Last year 87 grants were made and 13 former long-term grants were carried over. Much has been discovered in this research, but the final goal, a specific serum or drug to prevent or cure the disease, has not been discovered.

Patients often require treatment for a long time after they feel well. Besides the new cases, old cases

must be helped out. There are about 75,000 in the United States showing some percentage of permanent disability.

When an emergency arises, the "army" fighting polio, financed with the March of Dimes, moves with the speed and precision of a well-oiled machine. Just as any army has general staff meetings to plan battles, polio forums serve in a similar capacity so that every facility medical science offers can be mobilized at the point of attack when the disease strikes. But just as war chiefs need financial support, so does the army fighting polio. And this is the annual March of Dimes.

Instead of millions of soldiers and tons of material, the war on infantile paralysis calls for large numbers of physicians, nurses and physical therapists and vast quantities of many types of specialized medical equipment. In both kinds of war complex logistics problems are involved that must be thought out in advance.

Because of this, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, long before epidemics occur, alerts

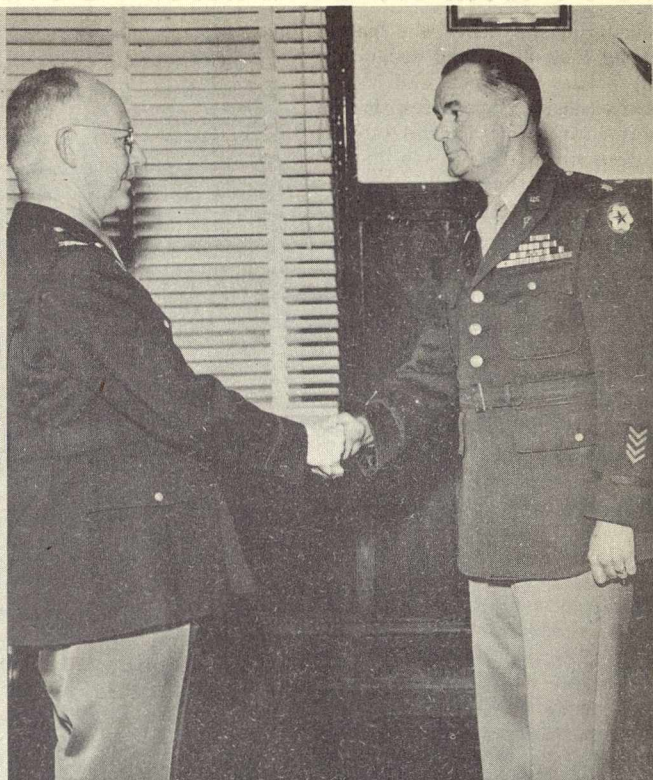
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



ORIENTATION AUDIENCE

In the new lecture room in building 1068. Lectures are given Monday through Friday at 1:15 and 2:15 P. M.



CONGRATULATIONS ON AWARDS

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, (left) decorates Major Leslie D. Snyder with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Ribbon, for his work as Control Officer.



SHE SANG WITH THE BAND

Vocalist with Dal Courtney's band from the Palace, who entertained patients in a show at the Recreation Center.



JACK FINA AND HIS MUSIC MAKERS

From the Claremont hotel in Berkeley played for an hour at the Recreation Center and the show was broadcast to bed patients over KLGH

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

DIMES MARCH ON

Once again it becomes the privilege of every American to join actively in one of the great peace-time battles waged by Man in his ceaseless struggle to make his world a better place in which to live.

This is the relentless battle against infantile paralysis—common enemy of all, regardless of age or accident of birth—spearheaded by the annual March of Dimes, held this year from January 15-30.

Coming as it does, in the wake of the second worst epidemic of the disease ever to ravage our nation, the 1947 March of Dimes deserves—and will undoubtedly receive—the fullest support of every American who not only wants to help those unable to help themselves, but to insure for himself and his family the best available care if and when the dreadcrippler strikes.

In the meanwhile, we can all gather satisfaction from the fact that no one stricken with the disease—regardless of age, race, creed or color—need go without adequate care through lack of funds—and polio is among the most expensive of human afflictions.

There are three things we know with certainty. Polio will strike again—where or when we do not know. When it does strike the community will be ready—the National Foundation guarantees that. And the National Foundation will be ready because the March of Dimes will see to that!

WAC

It's almost like old times around the detachment this week. While the Sixth Army girls are waiting for their new heating system to be installed, they are living with the LGH Wacs. It certainly is a family reunion! So many of the gals are meeting someone they have known at other posts or in basic training. We are indeed happy to have them join us—and sincerely hope their short stay will be a pleasant one!

Four more new girls have arrived—Martha Reynolds, Lis Henry, Sally Coburn and Ruth Luntz, came in last Saturday with much enthusiasm and zest about LGH and San Francisco in general. They did not waste any time starting in to "do the town." Martha, Lis, and Sally were stationed at Halloran General Hospital. Ruth Lutz hails from Wakeman General Hospital. The girls say "We already like it here very much."

Is Pat Gordon really starting a new fad with those blue and white polka-dot pajamas (lounging)?

We see old familiar faces around the orderly room—one of those is Mary Liles. Even though she is discharged she returns now and then to let us know she still thinks of us. She certainly isn't forgotten by any of us.

Who knows whether Aletha Birchfield is inspiring that young artist Bob Smith of Hamilton Field—or if he is the inspiration? At any rate they both are swell kids, make a nice couple, and are good artists.

No wonder Marion Heinz is looking so happy these days. She just had a birthday, and wound up having dinner with Rena Regas and Pat Gordon at Bob's Steak House. Marian had her favorite dish (spaghetti) and they report having eaten everything on the table (plus).

T/3 Agada Perrson was married on January 12 to Cpl. Charles Johnson at the home of Warrant Officer Theodore Frederickson. Those present at the wedding were: Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn, Lt. and Mrs. Naugle, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson, S/Sgt. Barbara Trainor, (Barbara was at one time stationed at L.G.H. and is now at Camp Stoneman awaiting overseas duty), and Mr. and Mrs. Henzinger, of Redding, Calif., relatives of Cpl. and Mrs. Johnson. "Aggie," is spending her 15 day furlough in an effort to make the

Give generously, give proudly, give thankfully—to the 1947 March of Dimes!



Wedding bells are due to ring tomorrow at Milwaukee for the nuptials of Lieut. Ruth M. Valleskey, ANC, and Lieut. Charles C. Fender, USN. It all began in Hawaii where both were stationed until recently. The Rev. Wilmer M. Valleskey, brother of the bride, will be the officiating clergyman, and the attendants will be Mr. and Mrs. Norbert W. Valleskey. Congratulations and best wishes.

First Lt. Charlotte Higgins of the dietitians staff left this week to attend a two-week course in mess administration at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Ten newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman this week: Captain Lucelle P. Olsen, ward S-1; Captain Alma O. Eidsaa, Operating Room; 1st Lt. Vera W. Downs, ward 25; 1st Lt. Elsie Hoin, ward 31; 1st Lt. Lorraine Odbierzychleb, ward D-1; 1st Lt. Mildred E. Halligan, E & T Surgery; 1st Lt. Sara V. Francis, ward P; 1st Lt. Helen J. Harwin, ward H; 1st Lt. Marquerite T. Miller, ward B-1; 2nd Lt. Florence Murphy, ward M-1.

A number of the nurses have enrolled in the evening typing classes, with the intention of substituting the touch system for the "pick and peck" system.

Off on a 10-day leave is 1st Lt. Marjorie Sanford, ANC, and she plans to make it as carefree as she can.

Lt. Edith Dumond of Physical Therapy is enjoying a five-day leave in the Mark Twain country near Sonora.

First Lt. Elizabeth McCubbins, who will leave for overseas duty some time in February, has taken off on a 24-day leave.

The well-known P. T. trio, Lieutenants Miriam and Dorothy Johnson and Champe Phillips entertained their co-workers one evening recently at a Bingo party in their quarters. Novel feature of the evening was that the Bingo winners were called upon to entertain the crowd, and some very good performances were reported. Lt. Ruth Wall and Lt. Mary Driscoll got special mention for their spirited rhumba.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 26, 1947

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Thursday Evening at 1900

Old Timers Return

Letterman is always happy to welcome back to the fold any of the old timers who have strayed far and wide as a result of the exigencies of the service during the recent war and this week that welcome has been extended to three medical officers formerly on our staff.

Colonel Ora B. Bolibaugh was Chief of the Orthopedic Service here from February 1938 to February 1942 when he was assigned to command the 59th Evacuation Hospital then organizing at Fort Ord. He went overseas with his hospital on 12 December 1942 and remained until July 1945 when he was sent to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J., as Chief of the Orthopedic Service. He reported back at Letterman a few days ago and resumed his old place on the staff.

Colonel George L. Beatty back in 1939 and 1940 was just one of the gang who gathered in the staff room after luncheon to settle the world problems of those days. He left us to become chief of the surgical service at Camp San Luis Obispo in 1940 and two years later went to the southwest Pacific where he served in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He is back here again and on the surgical service.

Major Andrew C. Offutt is the third returnee. He was an interne here during the year 1940-1941 and then went to Carlisle where he stayed for 30 months before going overseas to the European Theatre of Operations. After 31 months there in the office of the theatre surgeon he returned to the United States and to Letterman where he is now a member of the student detachment taking residence training in neuropsychiatry.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELINOR E. DAVIS
Technician Fourth Grade

Cooking has always been one of the favorite occupations of Sergeant Elinor Davis, and after she came into the WAC she got a chance to go in for it in a really big way, and she still likes it. Things like making 25 gallons of coffee twice a day, and helping to prepare food for 300 WACs came to be things she just took in stride, so that now preparing a meal for say, twelve persons, would be mighty simple.

Elinor, who is "Dave" to her friends, was born in Plattsburg, New York, but grew up in Oneonta, where her family moved when she was a little girl. She took four years of home economics in high school, which gave her plenty of background for her later adventures in cookery. Before she joined the WAC in May 1944, she worked as a floor inspector in a defense plant.

After her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she had an eight-week course in Baker's and Cook's school, and it was there that she learned to put food together in big quantities for the 300 WACs.

Her next assignment was Letterman, and she has been here for a year and a half. Until the last six months she worked in the main diet kitchen, and prepared food for special diets for the patients. She is now assigned to the operating room, working as a surgical technician, and finds that she likes her duties very much.

"Dave" will be in the WAC until June, and likes it so well she would willingly stay in longer. Off duty, she enjoys the theatre and dancing, bowling and roller-skating. She has a collection of ceramic horses, but hasn't added to it lately, having decided she's ridden that hobby horse long enough.

She says she has no absolutely definite plans for the future, but thinks that some day she "just might open a tearoom," and put all that cooking experience to good use.

ARMY CONDUCTS CANCER RESEARCH
TREATMENT IN DEEP X-RAY CENTERS

Washington (CNS)—Cancer was never a major problem for the Army during World War II but four Deep-X-Ray centers for research and treatment of the disease are being operated by the Army Medical Department, according to a recent announcement by Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General.

"The highest incidence rate for cancer reported between the years of 1941 and 1945 was 0.34 per thousand per year, or about three men out of every 10,000," Gen. Kirk said. "However, the Army medical scientists will continue study and treatment of the disease in our established Deep X-Ray centers both for the Army's welfare and that of civilians."

The number of patients treated daily at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., Gen. Kirk noted, had dropped from 100 to between 40 and 50. The reduction is due to the decrease in strength of the Army.

One year ago hundreds of cancer patients were being sent to Walter Reed for deep radiation therapy. The malady hitherto unknown to the patient was uncovered by routine examinations at separation centers.

Three other centers possessing X-ray machines capable of deep radiation therapy are Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Tex.; Army and Navy hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.; and Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

The clinical picture at these hospitals has the unusual feature of the age range of its patients. Cancer is uncommon in the age group 20 to 34 years. Because of the relatively young average age of the military patients sifted from several million men and women of the Army services, the distribution of tumor types is unbalanced compared to that in civilian cancer clinics.

As a result of compulsory physical examinations and free medical care, tumors and cancers are more easily detected among soldiers than among civilians. This gives the Army a greater opportunity to treat and study cancer than is available to most civilian clinics.

Every week a mandatory tumor board, comprised of the Chief of Surgery, Laboratory, Pathology and Radiation Therapy services, convenes at Walter Reed. Each case of cancer is considered individually by the board, which recommends the

type of treatment. This may be surgery, X-ray therapy, radium therapy or chemotherapeutic agents.

Walter Reed hospital has one of the few million-volt roentgen therapy machines in the world. The Washington hospital's apparatus is the smallest, most compact and most flexible of its kind. It is as mobile and as easy to operate as the 200 kilovolt X-ray machine employed in many hospitals.

The clinical value of the super-voltage roentgen therapy as used in Walter Reed has been proved. Not only was it more effective in treatment of cases too advanced to be improved by 200 KV radiation, but it was more effective in treatment of tumors ordinarily treated with 200 KV radiation.

At present a large number of specimens of cancer are under study at the Army Institute of Pathology. Other research is being carried on throughout the Army to further safeguard the health of its personnel.

Major Snyder
Receives Award

Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, was decorated this week by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, with the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Ribbon.

The citation, signed by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, stated:

"During World War II the Medical Department carried out its mission with outstanding success. This achievement was made possible only through the combined efforts of all Medical Department personnel. Your service with the Medical Department has been exceptional when compared with others of the same grade of similar position, and I wish to commend you for your outstanding contribution as Control Officer, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, from 1 January 1944 to 1 August 1944."

Present at the award ceremony were Mrs. Leslie Snyder, Lt. Col. William L. Beswick, Chaplain (Capt.) Albert Click, Captain Jack D. Burnett, Ray V. Shine, and WOJG William R. Tubbs.

We speak of the bliss of solitude—but solitude is chiefly a bliss when it can be terminated at will.—Christopher Morley.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



RUSSELL W. PERESHULA
Technician Fourth Grade

That "W" in Sergeant Russell Pereshula's name stands for Wasyl, which gives him one of the more unusual middle names. However, it doesn't give him any trouble with spelling and such, because he's usually called Russ by his friends.

Russ is wardmaster on M-1, and says he finds his work "very interesting." He came into the Army in September 1945, and was inducted at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, then went to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for training as a medical technician. He was then assigned to duty at Letterman, and came here in March of last year. He took the ward attendants' course given by the Training branch, and worked at Dante Annex until it closed last June. Since coming to the main hospital, he has been on M-1.

He was born and grew up in Blackstone, Massachusetts, where his parents and his two brothers and two sisters live. Both his brothers were in the Army during the war.

Although Russ has been in California nearly a year now he is definitely not one of those who have been captivated by the West Coast. He's eagerly looking forward to going back to Massachusetts. "I like California all right," he says, "but I guess I'm just more used to the East. For me, there's no place like it." He expects to receive his discharge in May. "I haven't made any special plans about what I'll do next, but I'm going to get busy and make some between now and May."

He likes sports, with baseball the favorite, because he was pitcher on his school team at home. He likes swimming, and especially enjoys roller skating. Even though he won't admit that he can do spectacular stunts on skates, you can pretty well tell that's just modesty, and that like the "daring young man on the flying trapeze," he moves on his skates with the greatest of ease!

CIVIL CIRCLES

Verne Shores, classification analyst, is back at her desk this week after a two-week absence during which she attended a special course here in San Francisco for classification analysts.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Gruening, former supervisor of janitors at Letterman, who resigned last April on account of ill health. Mr. Gruening died last week.

Mary Pagone of the Laundry has resigned to assume the responsibilities of housewife, and Rose Anderson has resigned because of ill health.

It was very quiet in the Detachment of Patients office last week, according to report. Reason: Helen Smith had lost her voice due to laryngitis. Now that she has recovered it, things are back to normal, which means they're a bit noisier, it says here.

Lillian Wickstrom of Surgical Service, whose home is in Reno, was married there on December 23 to Robert H. Robinett, and is now answering her office phone as Mrs. Robinett. Her husband, who was formerly in the Navy, is now football coach for Porterville Junior College.

Estella Phillips of Separation Office has returned from a two week vacation during which she really got around. She went to Los Angeles, Seattle, and Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia.

Sgt. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper spent a recent evening seeing the Skating Vanities and report that they enjoyed the show very much.

Violet Martin of the Separation Office welcomed her daughter Gloria to San Francisco last week. Gloria arrived from England, where for the past two years she has served as a W.A.A.F. in the Royal Air Force. She is now on terminal leave, and expects to make her home here. Her first request after she arrived was for a chocolate sundae. Hope it came up to expectations!

Eulalia Beebee of Dental Clinic was welcomed back this week after a three-month sick leave.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic reports having lots of fun indulging in winter sports at Yosemite over the week end.

Frances Castro McKinley of the postoffice, who was recently married, is resigning, having decided to devote all her time to homemaking.

SHE HAS BUT ONE EARNEST PLEA— WHEN WRITING MAHONEY, DO OMIT 'E'



Miss ANNA MAHONY
Red Cross Recreation Supervisor

New to the Red Cross staff at Letterman, but by no means new to Letterman is Miss Anna Mahony, who was appointed Recreation Supervisor this month when Miss Elizabeth Stetson resigned. Miss Mahony knows Letterman well because she has been recreation consultant for the Bay Area and southern California, and has had occasion to visit the hospital often to consult with the Red Cross staff on the recreation program. She also helped set up the program of special interest clubs here.

Miss Mahony was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and attended Teachers' College there. She taught corrective speech to stutterers and aphasics in the Boston public schools, and did playground work in Boston. She had a guest house at Cape Cod, and also operated a guest house in Bermuda.

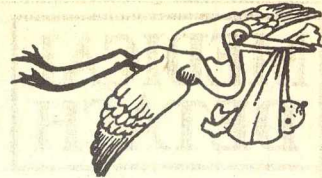
Before the war began, she spent leisurely summers traveling in Europe, particularly in France and England. She also spent a summer in Sweden, studying cooperatives, and lectured on the subject after her return to the United States. She is particularly interested in and

well informed about world affairs.

In 1943 she went to Alaska for the Red Cross, and was in charge of recreation activities at a rest camp at McKinley National Park, where the resort hotel had been turned over to the Army and was operated by Special Services. McKinley Park is between Fairbanks and Anchorage, and Miss Mahony had plenty of opportunity to get accustomed to wearing parka and mukluks to brave the lower temperatures.

After two years in Alaska she was assigned to a naval hospital at Long Beach, California, where she set up the recreation program. She remained there nearly a year, and was then appointed to the post of recreation consultant. She covered hospitals from Mare Island to San Diego, and says she got more than enough of living in hotels. That feeling about hotels is only temporary, though, because travel is still tops on the list of things she likes to do.

Miss Mahony has one request to make of people who are likely to write her name—please don't spell it with an "e."



To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joseph Gordon, Jr., a boy, **Joseph Brown**, weight 6 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 14 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard W. Scott, a boy, **Rodman Rickie**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 15 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Joseph P. Whittle, a girl, **Margaret Stuart**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 16 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Leonard Boyd, a boy, **Michael James**, weight 5 pounds and 2 ounces, born 16 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John Tora, a girl, **Sandra Lynn**, weight 7 pounds, born 17 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John B. White, a boy, **James Steven**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 18 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Guy B. Postlewait, a girl, **Karen Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 19 January.

Book for Hepcats

"Really the Blues," Mess Mezzrow's story of his life in the fabulous world of jazz, written in collaboration with Bernard Wolfe, was presented in musical form at an enthusiastically received concert on New Year's Night, at Town Hall, New York. Some of the greatest performers of jazz and blues joined in a series of musical episodes illustrative of the book.

The book has sold 20,000 copies and has had much interesting advertising. Professor S. I. Hayakawa, author of "Language in Action," has devoted several columns to it in the Chicago Defender. The Doctor is semantics expert at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a "fly cat" (regular guy who knows the score) as far as idiom is concerned, and was fascinated with the jive language in the book. Another university teacher liked the book so well he made it required reading for his freshman English class. Mezzrow took some 75 copies to a Harlem hotel and sold them all in no time. The book is in the Letterman library.

Who then is unconquerable? He whom the inevitable cannot disturb.—Epictetus.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Thursday night Bingo games at the Presidio NCO Club have an extra added attraction each week now. A prize worth \$25 will be given each Thursday to the winner of the final game of the evening, and four or five additional prizes will be given each week also. These prizes are all in addition to the usual sums won on each game played. Master Sergeant William Porter, newly-elected president of the NCO Club, has announced that the Thursday evening Bingo games are open to friends of the NCOs, as well as to club members, and civilians on the post are also invited to attend. The games begin at 8 p. m.

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Those mysterious mimeographed sheets showing a ten-gallon hat and a bucking bronco were designed to get detachment members curious. This week the curiosity was satisfied, when Sgt. Bob Bisbee revealed that they were forerunners of the detachment's "Trail's End" party to be held at the Letterman Club Thursday evening, January 30. The party will be strictly of the old Wild West, featuring two-gun artists, gamblers and a sheriff to keep it lawful.

Civil Service Announces New Examinations

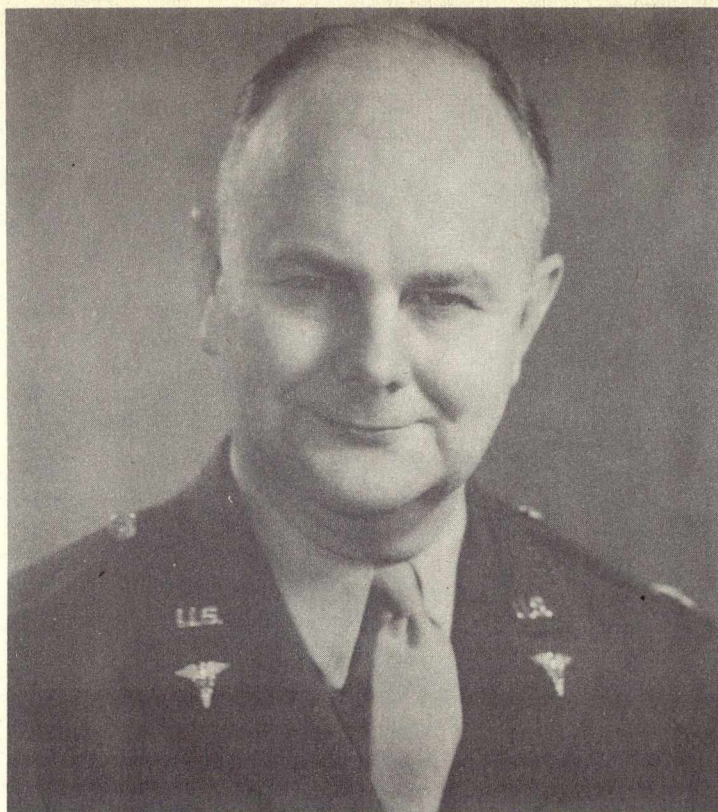
Announcements of forthcoming examinations for the following positions have been made by the Civil Service Commission: Training Specialist, Junior Administrative Technician, Storekeeper, and Gardener.

Closing dates for applications for Training Specialist and for Gardener are February 4. Applications for the position of Storekeeper must be in February 10, and those for Junior Administrative Technician by February 11.

The annual salary for the position of Training Specialist is \$3397 to \$5905; Junior Administrative Technician, \$2644; Storekeeper, \$2644 to \$4149; Gardener, \$2243 to \$4024.

Full details about each examination are posted on the Letterman bulletin boards, or may be obtained from Civilian Personnel office, Room 221, Administration Building.

RARA AVIS: "CAN DO" SUPPLY OFFICER OFFICIAL VISITOR HERE



Lt. Col. LOUIS F. WILLIAMS, P. C.
**Assistant to Chief of Supply Division, Office of
The Surgeon General**

When Lieutenant Colonel Louis F. Williams, P. C., was an official visitor here last week we managed to hold him long enough to get a photograph but his adherence to a tight schedule precluded our asking a lot of questions we had in mind.

Colonel Williams is assistant to the Chief of the Supply Division in the Office of the Surgeon General and his mission at Letterman was to make a survey of the needs of this hospital in the matter of new and modern equipment and replacing of outmoded apparatus.

He has been with the Surgeon General's office for about one year and prior to that assignment he was on the staff of the Chief Surgeon in MIDPAC as officer in charge of the medical supply division. MIDPAC covered a lot of territory, as those who served there will recall, and one officer who remembers what an efficient job was done by Colonel Williams is our Executive Officer, Colonel Kermit H. Gates, who was a contemporary in MIDPAC while the shooting war was still in progress.

As the American forces hopped

from island to island in the campaign to recapture the Philippines enroute to Japan the task of disposing of surplus medical property on each of the stepping stone islands was given to Colonel Williams. As Colonel Gates tells us: "It was remarkably well done and we had few of the headaches experienced by other branches in that cleaning up process. Colonel Williams is a 'can do' officer and once assigned to a task his superiors could forget it."

Colonel Williams is a native of Tennessee and enlisted in the Medical Department in 1923. He was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps in 1931 and has been in continuous service since that date. Under the recent re-organization he was commissioned in the Pharmacy Corps in which he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. The colonel is married and the proud father of twin girls and a boy.

On this trip of inspection he was accompanied by Major Zolenas, P.C., who is Control Officer at Walter Reed General Hospital.

Family Quarters Now Ready for LGH Personnel

The new family quarters for officer and enlisted personnel of Letterman, in the buildings near the Lombard Street gate of the Presidio, have now been turned over to the hospital by the District Engineer. Three buildings are ready for occupancy, and it is expected that the others will be ready by the end of January.

Nine buildings, which were originally barracks and later were used as hospital wards, have been converted into apartments. A total of 36 families will be housed in the new quarters.

There are four apartments in each building, three with three bedrooms each and one with two bedrooms. Eight of the buildings are for the use of officer personnel, and one is for enlisted personnel.

Two sets of garages and a special parking space are available for those occupying the family quarters.

Work will begin in the near future on three other buildings formerly used as hospital wards which will be converted into apartments for use as family quarters.

Many applications for the available quarters are on file, and all the apartments already converted have been assigned.

Mayor Roland H. Wingo has been appointed as coordinating officer for the family quarters, with an office in Building 1060. He may be reached by phone on extension 2462. The coordinating officer will act as liaison officer between personnel assigned to quarters and the Post Engineer and various supply branches. He will arrange for details to unpack and move household effects, and make arrangements for the storage of excess privately owned household effects.

WSI Employees' Status Unchanged

The Civil Service Commission has announced, in response to queries from War Service Indefinite civilian employees, that President Truman's recent proclamation of the termination of hostilities does not effect the "status, annual leave or veteran preference of Federal employees." (Regional Circular Letter No. 47-7.) The announcement points out that the proclamation did not terminate the state of emergency nor did it terminate the state of war itself.

RECONDITIONING SAYS

The LGH chorus resumed rehearsals last Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 p. m., Bldg. No. 1049. The holiday singing on-the-wards by the choral group was so successful that repeat performances have been requested and will be scheduled soon. Anyone interested in joining this group (especially tenors and basses) may do so at any time by contacting Educational Reconditioning.

A beginners' music theory class was initiated this week. Newcomers are welcomed.

Orientation:

In case you don't know it and haven't read your Bulletin Board, Orientation Lectures and film showings for enlisted personnel are held in Bldg. No. 1068 (located behind Wd. G, and across from the old LGH Motor Pool) Monday through Friday at two separate hours, the first one at 1:15 p. m., the second at 2:15 p. m.

Evening Typing Classes for beginners were started Tuesday, 21 January, with two classes, one at 6 p. m. and one at 7:15 p. m., and will continue for eight weeks—Tuesdays and Thursdays in Bldg. No. 1049, with Sgt. Hannah Goldberg instructing. The class was organized because of the many requests by duty personnel who have not been able to take advantage of the educational program which is in progress during the day-time hours. Individual tutoring is also available to both patient and duty personnel during evening hours in calculus, slide-rule, trigonometry and English A. Contact E/R Office for further information.

The School of Insurance at Golden Gate College announces an evening course in General Insurance for Agents, Brokers and Company Personnel beginning Monday, 3 February, 1947. The next evening course in Real Estate, including preparation for Broker's and Salesman's Examinations, begins Friday, 31 January, 1947 and is also available by correspondence. This course has been designed to provide a basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of the real estate business for broker and salesmen.

Eighty-two High School Level GED Tests have been administered by the E/R Office since September, 1946, and 13 of the College Level. If you do not have your high school diploma, stop in the office for information about the GED Tests.



SOPHISTICATED

Is the word they use to describe this black evening gown designed especially for Elizabeth Scott by Columbia stylist Jean Louis. Elizabeth is soon to be seen opposite Humphrey Bogart in "Dead Reckoning."

MORE ABOUT LGH MARCH OF DIMES

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its troops in the field. These are its chapter members—all volunteers—serving the nation's 3,700 counties. In cooperation with state and local health authorities, polio forums are held each spring.

At these forums local treatment facilities and equipment are reviewed and estimates made of available professional personnel. Through these discussions local health authorities are enabled to get a specific picture of facilities and personnel at hand and how the National Foundation and its chapters can supplement these resources with funds, equipment and trained personnel.

Last summer in Minnesota, when the state experienced the greatest infantile paralysis epidemic in its history, the National Foundation and its chapters, side by side with local health authorities, were on the firing line. By plane and other fast means of transportation hundreds of physicians, nurses and physical therapists were rushed to the strick-

en area. Medical supplies and equipment of every description were thrown into the battle.

States untouched by the epidemic assembled equipment purchased in the past through March of Dimes funds and loaned it for use in stricken areas. Cities as far apart as Buffalo and Chicago flew this equipment where it would do the most good as their part in a giant network ministering to polio casualties.

New battles loom until this dread disease is finally conquered. Because of this, the need to replenish funds is greater than ever before.

Have you made your contribution yet?

Writing Ambitions?

The Veterans Writers Workshop has acquired an office at 500 Park Avenue, New York, in space donated by the City of New York. Many manuscripts of disabled veterans have been placed with magazines and other media. Recently, patients of St. Albans Naval Hospital talked to Louis Bromfield and John Mason Brown during the Vox Pop program broadcast from the hospital over CBS.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Former GI Janitans not only are eligible for all the benefits granted their male counterparts, but they are "one up" on the their khaki clad and seagoing brothers.

Women veterans, unlike men, may receive private hospitalization for non-service connected disabilities when VA facilities are not available. This is a privilege given to male veterans or only when they are suffering from a disabilities incurred or aggravated by their service in the armed forces.

This additional benefit was given to women veterans by an executive order in 1933, when existing VA hospitals did not have adequate accommodations for the women who served during World War I.

Most VA hospitals now have special wards set aside for the care of women, but the privilege of private hospitalization may still be authorized when necessary.

Veterans Administration reports that 340 women veterans were hospitalized in California hospitals last November 30. (Of the total, only 16 were in private hospitals, and 85 were in the VA domiciliary home in Los Angeles. World War II veterans slightly outnumbered veterans of World War I, 172 to 168.

Question: "Is it true that apprenticeship courses are limited to a maximum of two years?"

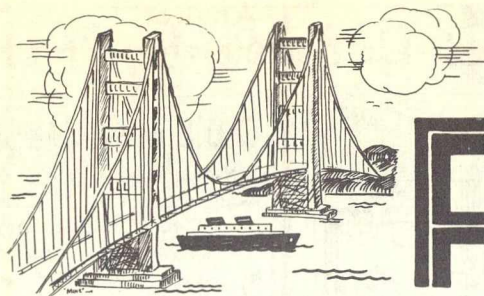
Answer: No. Regular apprenticeship courses are not limited by law. The limitation as to length of courses applies to on-the-job training other than regular apprenticeship.

Question: "If I attended an evening college course will I be entitled to full subsistence allowance under the GI bill?"

Answer: Your allowance will depend on the number of hours you take in school and the amount of money you earn in the day time. In order to get the full allowance you must take a full 12 semester hour course in school and earn less than \$110 a month in outside work.

Question: "I recently obtained a GI loan which VA guaranteed for \$2,500. I have since lost my job and would like to know if I am also eligible for readjustment allowance until I find another job to my liking?"

Answer: Yes. The fact that you received a GI loan does not affect your eligibility for readjustment allowances.



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Gen. Marshall is First Career Soldier Secretary of State

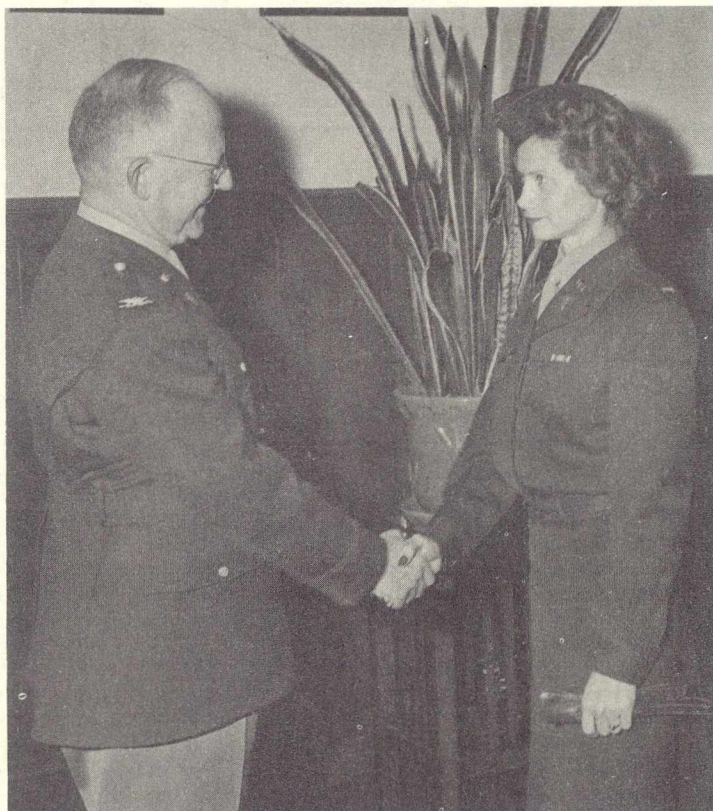
Washington (CNS)—Gen. George C. Marshall, a veterans of 45 years of Army service, is the first career soldier to become Secretary of State. The former war time chief of staff was recently recalled from a diplomatic mission in China to succeed former Secretary James F. Byrnes. Now the man who planned the destruction of the Axis armies heads the U. S. team that will draft the final and lasting peace treaties in the United Nations.

The appointment of General Marshall to the second highest position in the Ship of State was unanimously approved by the Senate. Praise for the General poured into Washington from newspapers throughout the country and from other Government officials.

A noted news writer compared General Marshall with one of the world's greatest soldier-statesmen, Britain's Duke of Wellington, who piloted Britain through the Napoleonic Wars and through the conferences of Paris and Vienna.

Concerning Wellington, writes one of the Duke's biographers, "No English subject, not Marlborough himself, has ever stood so high in the council of Europe. He gave signal proof of the farseeing wisdom, the well balanced judgment, the moderation and profound sagacity which were the distinctive features of his character on the intellectual side, and also of his sterling integrity and strong sense of duty." Analyst George Fielding Eliot, thus compares General Marshall, with one addition—"an utter disregard of self."

General Marshall was born in Uniontown, Pa., graduated as first captain of cadets at the Virginia Military Institute in 1901, and received his Army commission in 1902.



CONGRATULATIONS ON AWARD

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, congratulates First Lt. Mabel J. Herndon, ANC, of Heaters, West Virginia, after decorating her with the Army Commendation Ribbon. Lieutenant Herndon who is at present a patient on ward C-41, received the decoration for her "outstanding contribution as operating room nurse, ENT Surgery, Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California, from 29 January 1944 to 19 January 1946."

He first saw service in the Philippines in maneuvers around Manila. In 1918, he was chief of operations of the 1st Army under General John J. Pershing, and planned the St. Mihiel withdrawal and the Meuse-Argonne victory. After the first World War, Gen. Marshall served as General Pershing's aide-de-camp, reverting to his peacetime rank of major.

In 1939, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed General Marshall Chief of Staff, to succeed General Malin Craig. During the war, his master strategy executed by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower is credited with breaking the back of the Axis in Europe.

General Marshall's first diplomatic assignment in his Army career came

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Former Letterman Officers in News From Washington

Recent press releases from the office of the Surgeon General bring us news of several former Lettermanites assigned to prominent positions in the Medical Department and helping to bear out the Letterman tradition of having none but the best and most promising young officers on the staff. Other old timers have been honored for their standing in the profession.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General, and one time chief of the surgical service here, had an honorary fellowship in the American College of Surgeons conferred on him at the recent meeting in Cleveland.

Colonel Frank L. Cole, Chief of the Surgical Consultants Division, Surgeon General's Office, and former chief of the surgical service here, was elected a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons at the same meeting.

Colonel Raymond O. Dart, one time Chief of the Laboratory Service here, has been appointed Director of the Army Institute of Pathology in Washington. He succeeds Colonel James E. Ash, another former laboratory chief at Letterman, who becomes Scientific Director of the American Registry of Pathology, a major department of the Institute and sponsored by the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council.

Colonel Charles K. Berle, former Chief of the Medical Service here, and more recently commanding officer of Barnes General Hospital and O'Reilly General Hospital, has gone out to Tokyo as Chief Medical Consultant for the North Pacific Area.

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Armed Forces to Unify Under National Defense Secretary

By Sgt. Henry H. Jenkins
Camp Newspaper Service

Unification of the armed forces under a Secretary of National Defense has been agreed to under what President Truman terms an "admirable" plan submitted by Secretary of War Robert Patterson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. But the plan is only a general proposition, with details to be filled in later. Congress will have a big hand in that.

Specifically, as agreed upon by the two cabinet members, the plan provides for three separate military departments, Army, Navy and Air, to be headed by a secretary under the overall direction of a Secretary of National Defense. (There are four secretaries, but only the latter will serve as Cabinet member for Defense.)

"In our view," Sec. Patterson said, "it is a sound and workable procedure with the needed single direction and at the same time it preserves the valuable element of local autonomy in the three branches."

Under the plan, air power would be given greater recognition by establishment of a U. S. Air Force, co-ordinating Army and Navy Air Forces.

Secretaries Patterson and Forrestal emphasized "the necessity for agreement between the military services is now even greater" than when they submitted their partial agreement seven months ago.

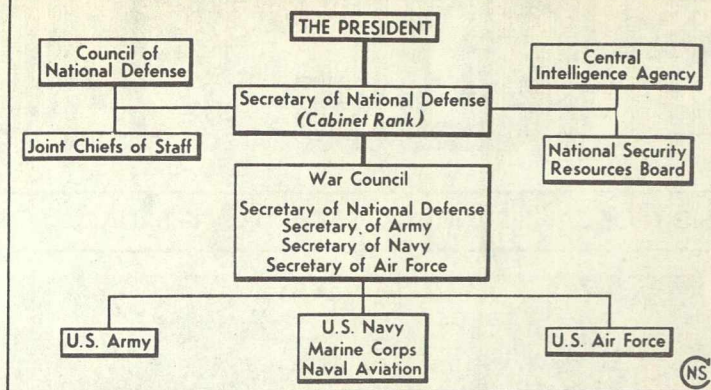
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said he considered the plan a "definite and substantial forward step" designed to enable the services to get together on many matters and make progress.

Gen. of the Army Dwight Eisenhower said he would "support it with all I have" as a distinctive step forward, with the United States the gainer.

As presented to the President, the unification plan would provide for a Council of National Defense, a National Security Resources Board and a Central Intelligence Agency (which already exists). The armed forces will be organized under a Secretary of National Defense placing the Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps and Naval Aviation) and the Air Force under departments of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, each with a respective military head.

The plan also provides for the creation of a War Council consist-

PLAN FOR UNIFICATION OF ARMED FORCES



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The armed forces unification plan is illustrated by this chart. The plan provides for a Secretary of National Defense, who would be a Cabinet officer. He would head a War Council including the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force departments. Other departments under the Secretary of National Defense would be the Council of National Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Resources Board.

ing of the Secretary of National Defense as chairman, with power of decision; the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the military heads of the three services. The War Council will concern itself with "matters of broad policy relating to the armed forces."

Provided for also is a Joint Chiefs of Staff, composed of the military heads of the three services plus the chief of staff to the President, "if that office exists." Subject to the authority and direction of the Secretary of National Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff would provide for strategic direction of the military forces.

A full-time joint staff would consist initially of not over 100 officers, provided in about equal numbers by the three services. The joint staff would carry out the policies and directives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Secretary of National Defense will head the armed forces and will be vested with authority, under the President, to establish common policies and common programs for integrated operation of the three departments and to control and direct their common efforts for national security.

The plan makes no specific provision for a single purchasing department for all branches of the armed services. However, the nature of the set-up indicates that this is contemplated.

Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, and Maj. Gen. Lauris Norstad, director of plans and operations for the War Dept. General Staff, answered other questions in a press seminar.

They revealed: that the Marine Corps will continue unchanged; research probably will continue along its present lines; there is no intention in the plan to decide which service will use which weapons for the purpose of doing its job; it is not determined whether guided missiles will be the special concern of one branch; there has been no discussion yet of such things as uniforms.

As to specific savings which may be realized through the plan, no one was able to venture even a guess.

With the announcement that the representatives of the services had reached agreement with the President's unification proposal, five new Senators rallied in support of the proposed merger. They were Harry Cain, Wash., William Knowland, Calif., Henry Cabot Lodge, Mass., Edward Martin, Pa., and Joseph McCarthy, Wis., all former servicemen.

One other ex-serviceman, Sen. Warren Magnuson, Wash., stood by the line formerly taken by the Navy in opposing unification.

In summing up the services' agreement over unification, Secre-

O.D.B. Moved to St. Louis

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Final arrangements for the transfer of the Office of Dependency Benefits here to the Army Finance Center, St. Louis, Mo., have been completed, officials of the ODB have disclosed. The move, second in ODB's five years of operation, will now centralize all fiscal records of the individual soldier at the Finance Center, under the jurisdiction of Maj. Gen. William H. Kasten, Chief of Finance.

The Office of Dependency Benefits, set up in 1942, has been charged with the handling and disbursement of all soldier allotments, GI insurance premiums, soldiers' deposits, and final settlement of the accounts of deceased Army personnel. Officials have stated that the move to St. Louis will not effect regular payments sent out monthly by the ODB.

Known to be the largest check-writing agency under one roof in the entire world, ODB's total disbursements as of last Nov. 30 aggregated \$15,416,866,731. At the height of the war more than ten million policies were covered by soldiers' insurance allotments, and the Army Savings Bank carried one-quarter of a billion dollars in soldiers' deposit accounts, ODB spokesmen said.

MORE ABOUT FORMER LGH OFFICERS

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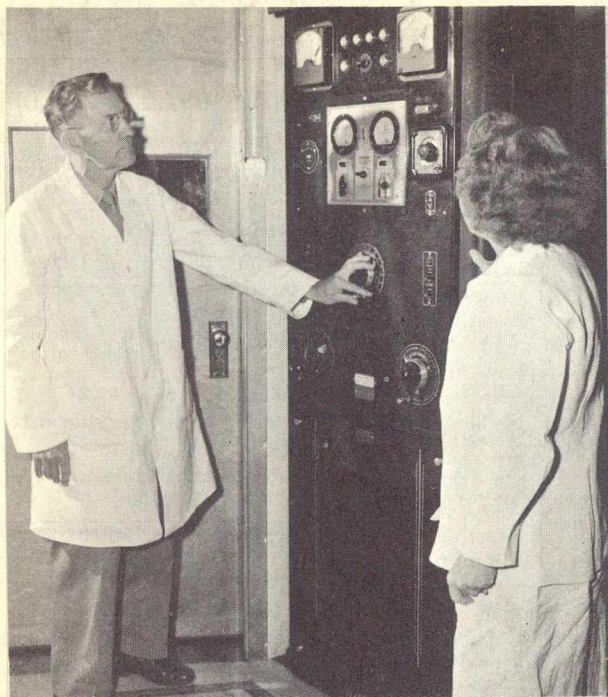
Colonel Arden Freer, long time member of the medical service here, and for the past five years Chief of the Medical Consultants Division of the Surgeon General's office, has retired after 32 years of service. Col. Freer will join the staff of General Hawley with the Veterans Administration. The Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" was recently awarded to Colonel Freer.

tary of War Robert P. Patterson declared that the agreement "was a victory for the United States and not for the Army and Navy."

"The proposed Secretary of National Defense would have authority to make a prompt, definite decision in case of differences among the services," Secretary Patterson added.

"If the recommended plan is enacted into law by Congress, it will constitute a strong forward step in National Security."

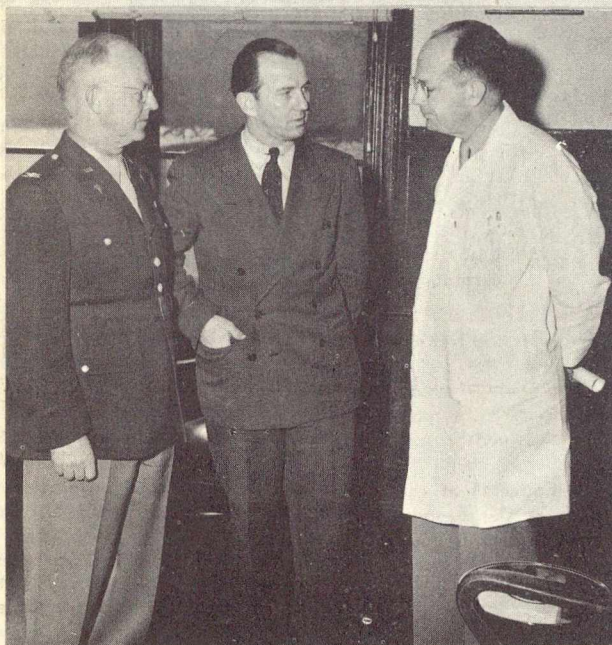
Around And About The Letterman Scene With The Camera



Col. LUTHER R. MOORE, MC
Chief of Radiological Service, operates the control panel of the Maximar deep therapy unit, while Miss Lee Bakken, registered technician, looks on.



THE MAXIMAR DEEP THERAPY UNIT AT LETTERMAN
M/Sgt. Thomas J. Crumley of ward F-1 receiving deep X-ray therapy treatment. With the patient are (L. to R.): Lt. Alma Heintzelman, ANC, and Lt. Col. Romeyn J. Healy, MC, of the Radiological Service.



DR. FRODE JENSEN
Secretary of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, American Medical Association, who was a Letterman visitor last week, talks with Col. Dean F. Winn (left), Commanding Officer, and Col. Leonard D. Heaton (right), Chief of Surgical Service.



GRADUATE WARD MASTERS
Of the first training course in Ward Management receive their certificates from Capt. Robert P. Allen. Those who completed the course were: T/4 Emerson Morris, C-1; T/5 Charles Dickey, A-2; T/5 Charles Hogan, O-1; T/5 Samuel W. Shaw, 11; Pfc. Jack Duffy, E-2; Pfc. Ernest Moore, 13; Pfc. Ralph Roberts, P-1; Pfc. Pete Rodriguez, 3; Pfc. Arthur Schiffer, 8; Pfc. Billy Hunter, L-1; Pvt. H. F. Aljets, D-1; Pvt. George Adamson, A-1; Pvt. Willis Lippoldt, 2.

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EDITORIAL

LAND GRAB

Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, appears to be deceived by the public relations men of the City Hall of San Francisco and the real estate agents and jerry builders of homes into believing that the people of San Francisco want the historic Presidio broken up, to enable certain gentlemen to make a quick killing on a subdivision. Nothing could be further from the facts. Every time the daily papers mention schemes for the dismemberment of the Presidio, we receive at THE ARGONAUT office a succession of phone calls from residents of San Francisco, who are indignant at the impertinence of the vandals who would destroy the integrity of this sacred place, which has been revered for generations and should continue to be respected.

If a vote were taken tomorrow on the issue of whether to let a few schemers invade the Presidio or to hold them out forever, we have no doubt that the inarticulate people of San Francisco would repudiate all the tricks of the public relations humbugs, who are not creating a public opinion for the deal but have been able to obtain newspaper space to give the impression that the people of San Francisco really enjoy being bamboozled.

Mr. Patterson, it would appear, really believes all that he reads in the daily newspapers of San Francisco. If he lived



To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Jack A. Baldwin, a girl, **Lillian Mildred**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 20 January.

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To Capt. and Mrs. Paul Goff, a boy, **Richard Paul**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 22 January.

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To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Everett Dunham, a boy, **Jeffrey Clarke**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 22 January.

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To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Stewart W. Baily, a boy, **Peter Wilder**, weight 8 pounds and 1/4 ounce, born 23 January.

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To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Loren C. Cook, a boy, **Christopher Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 25 January.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Howard, a girl, **Elizabeth Joan**, weight 7 pounds, born 25 January.

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To Capt. and Mrs. K. B. Kirschner, a boy, **Rickey**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 25 January.

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To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David G. Shaw, a girl, **Sally Gwendolyn**, born 26 January.

here he would discount whatever they try to promote, because their columns are largely filled with the English compositions of press agents, which was the old-fashioned but more truthful name for public relations experts.

Secretary of War Patterson should realize that San Francisco contributed tremendously to the winning of the war. This city deserves to have its war memorials preserved, especially Fort Scott and the Presidio, which has stood at the Golden Gate since 1776. Politics of every kind should be repudiated, when the attempt is made to destroy this hallowed and beautiful place, which is loved by its own people and is a cause of wonder and delight to all visitors, who come here from every part of the world.

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Authorization for the appointment as Second Lieutenants of 300 nurses with no military experience has been announced by Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General. Because of the acute shortage of nurses, authorization for additional nurses will be made as soon as 80 per cent of the current quota is filled. Nurses required by the Army now will serve as replacements in this country and abroad for nurses who become eligible for discharge.

Five newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman this week: 1st Lieutenant Josephin Vsetula, 1st Lieutenant Mary W. White, 1st Lieutenant Patricia Murphy, 2d Lieutenant Margaret Abbott, and 2d Lieutenant Marie M. Lichtenberger. Lieutenants Abbot and Lichtenberger are from Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the other three have recently returned from overseas duty in Germany. And report has it that they like it so much they would like to go back.

Wedding bells rang this week for 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Rhoades, ANC, who became the bride of Captain Alan Davies at the Presidio "Chapel of Our Lady." The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Major) William D. Dooley. Captain and Mrs. Davies left after the ceremony on a honeymoon trip.

Lieutenant Ruth Wall and Lieutenant Margery Jo Ferrell of Physical Therapy spent the week-end in Reno, and saw plenty of snow en route, but reports that the weather in Reno was warmer than that in San Francisco. Can such things be?

First Lieutenant Molly Connelly, who has had her head in the clouds lately anticipating her separation from the Army, is now a civilian and on her way home to Graceville, Minn.

Lieutenant June Warren was the guest of honor at an engagement shower given last Wednesday by her co-workers on the dietitians' staff, and held in the Nurses' Recreation Room. Her shower gifts were a handsome set of crystal glasses and plates. The occasion was very festive,

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 2 February 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Plans for Dibble Reunion March 1

Plans are being made for a reunion of "alumni" of Dibble General Hospital to be held in San Francisco Saturday night, March 1, with dinner and dancing the feature of an informal gathering.

All former Dibblites—whether patients, staff personnel or members of service organizations at the hospital—are invited to attend and bring guests. The reunion will be at the Casino Pan-American Club, 831 Broadway. Reservations may be made through S/Sgt. Leola Huffman, Letterman WAC Detachment.

There is no more generally useful precept in one's personal self-discipline than that which bids us pay primary attention to what we do and express, and not to care too much for what we feel. If we only check a cowardly impulse in time, for example, or if we only don't strike the blow or rip out with the complaining or insulting word that we shall regret as long as we live, our feelings themselves will presently be calmer and better.—William James.

tive, with corsages for all the guests, and refreshments of waffles topped with ice cream and strawberries. After Lt. Warren's wedding on February 7, she and her husband will make their home in Pittsburgh.

Congratulations on promotions go to four members of the ANC: First Lt. to Captain—AAnna M. Hackett; 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.—Cesidia Lombardi, Pauline M. Bruno and Betty J. Wipferth.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BILLIE MAPLES
Technician Third Grade

Vivacious, blue-eyed Sergeant Billie Maples says no one around the hospital will know her by that name "cause everyone, just about, calls me 'Alabama.'" Alabama likes to take life with a laugh—"There's no use getting too serious, is there?"

Born in the state she's nicknamed for, she lived in "a lot of towns" there, and got accustomed to keeping on the move. In March 1943 she joined the WAC. "Guess I just wanted to keep moving," she says. She was in Boston when she joined up, and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training. She was the one Southerner in the group of 150. The other 149 were New Englanders. But Alabama wasn't influenced. She retained her southern accent. "I think they sort of liked to hear a rebel talk," she admits.

After basic she was sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and remained until December 1944, when she went to Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana for technicians' training. After a brief sojourn in the Hoosier State, she was assigned to Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Staunton, Virginia, and remained until January 1946 when she received her discharge.

Alabama has a brother in the Navy and his ship was in Seattle when she got out of the Army, so she came to the West Coast to see him, and spent two months vacationing in Seattle. After that two months of civilian life, she re-enlisted in the WAC and last April was sent to Letterman. This time she had what she wanted ever since she joined the Army—an assignment in the Medical Department. She is on ward S-1.

In the sports field, Alabama likes basketball, and has played on WAC teams everywhere she has been except Letterman. Here her hours

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

John Brow, of Windsor, N. Y., patient on ward C-2, is a two-army man. In 1940 he enlisted in the Canadian Army, and was with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders regiment for three years. Yes, he did have kilts among his uniforms, but wouldn't wear them. Didn't think they looked right. After receiving his discharge, he went into the U. S. Army, and has been at posts in New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia and California. He expects to be sent to Alaska when he leaves the hospital. All this traveling around fits in with his inclinations, because ever since he was 12 years old, he has wanted to travel. Right now he's reading "Smoky Pass" by Boyd, a story with a gold-mining background, and he says he may do a little gold-mining himself if he gets to Alaska.

While waiting for chowtime, **Albert Smeenck** and **Jake Kaiser** play a fast game of casino on ward C-2. Jake uses a cigarette carton for a card holder, since his left hand is temporarily out of service, but even the fancy card holder doesn't make the cards he holds too good, and Albert keeps on having the higher score.

John Stevens of ward E-1, who dropped in the other day to pick up some coffee-time companions on C-2, says he's from California—the whole state, not just any one town. He doesn't play any favorites, except maybe feminine favorites, his friends insist.

An ward C-1 **Luther Miller, Jr.**, is busy making a Transportation Corps insignia in rust and deep yellow wools, and he works so quickly that he goes around the insignia wheel faster than the wheel goes around. Sounds confusing, doesn't it?

Eugene Paul of Minnesota, on ward C-1, wasn't playing cards himself, but he was a master kibitzer in a game going on in the ward one rainy morning this week.

Louis Jacob, Jr., from Cleveland, Ohio, patient on ward C-1, has an interesting collection of pencil drawings he has done since he began studying art here in the hospital with the volunteer teachers of Educational Reconditions. The work in-

don't permit it. She likes shows, too, and says she wants to be sure to see the Mae West play while it's in town.

cludes all sorts of subjects, from a drawing of his own hand to a sketch of a group of fellow-patients playing cards.

Edwin Kochen of Colorado, also on ward C-1, says he likes to draw, too, but modestly says he's not much good at it. His real enthusiasm is swimming, especially in "the swell pool at Letterman."

Rain or no rain, **Lui Kinuya** of ward C-52, whose home is in Hawaii, comes over to the main hospital to see his pals on C-1.

Thomas Mollohan of Oakland, who is a patient on ward C-1 behaved like an iron man the other morning when the nurse gave him a hypo, not even changing expression during the process. He was about to go to surgery, but didn't even want to get into bed beforehand, just felt like sitting there and chatting with his friends.

Burton August of ward C-1 is from Brooklyn, N. Y., and came to Letterman from Camp Stoneman. "I used to be homesick, but not any more," he says. Could be he's found a heart interest here?

Robert Slagle, patient on ward C-1, is one of the lucky ones whose wife is here in San Francisco with him. He is from Hanover, Pa. and she is from Westminster, Md., which he says is "just over the Mason-Dixon line." Before coming to California, he was at Camp Polk, La., and also in Alexandria, La., and was then sent to Camp Stoneman. Betty has been traveling around with him, and so far likes California the best of the various places they've explored together.

**MORE ABOUT
GENERAL MARSHALL**

(Continued from Page 1)
early in 1946, when he was dispatched to China as President Truman's personal representative.

Two other Americans, who as non-professional soldiers attained the rank of general in wartime, also headed the U. S. State Department. They were **Timothy Pickering**, a Revolutionary general who served in the Cabinets of George Washington and John Adams, and **Lewis Cass**, a War of 1812 general, who many years later became Secretary of State in the Cabinet of James Buchanan.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



GERALD L. ROMANIK
Corporal

Corporal Gerald Romanik, who is known, of course, as Jerry, got the kind of assignment in the Army that will help him with his chosen profession—the law. He gives Orientation lectures to the detachment personnel. The subjects of his talks range from world affairs to "Why You Should Re-enlist," and he feels that all this experience in presenting the facts should stand him in good stead when the time comes to present facts to a jury. He intends to concentrate particularly on criminal law.

Jerry was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but has lived in Los Angeles since 1939, and regards himself as a confirmed Californian—southern California, that is. He admits that San Francisco is an interesting city, but his loyalty remains with Los Angeles. Before coming into the Army at Fort MacArthur last March, he attended U.C.L.A. for a year, and plans to continue his studies there after he receives his discharge. This he expects will be in March, and he intends to attend summer session.

He came to Letterman in April 1946, shortly thereafter was assigned to Information and Education, and began giving the Orientation lectures. Three detachment men share this duty, so Jerry doesn't get too hoarse from talking. In off-duty hours he cooperates with Special Services by driving busloads of patients on off-post trips.

For his own diversions he likes sports, particularly horseback riding, golf and football. "Even if I did have my nose broken playing football, I still like it," he says. He also likes to "discover new places to eat," and was among those who tried out (and liked) the costly Le Gourmet restaurant on Van Ness before its late lamented closing. He puts Solari's, Claridge's and Top of the Mark on the list of places he enjoys.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lillian Taylor flew to Denver last week to visit friends there, and her friends here are anxious to hear how she enjoyed taking to the air.

Gene Bittner formerly in the baggage room both as a sergeant and as a civilian, dropped in to see his old friends here, and reported that his sister has recently arrived in San Francisco and they plan to make their home here.

Hilda Allen, formerly on the library staff at Stanford Hospital, was welcomed to Letterman this week. She is the new medical librarian.

Two newcomers on the laboratory staff are recent arrivals from overseas. Sarah Johnson has been working in Japan, and Janet Jensen in Germany.

Vivian Halvorsen, formerly at Letterman, is now with the TWA airline, and "Bambi" Bambino, another ex-Lettermanite, transferred to Western Ocean Division in Marine County.

Helen Hoffman of Physical Medicine and her husband report an enjoyable evening spent seeing Maurice Evans in "Hamlet."

Marjorie Granger Saunders, formerly of Separation Center, and her husband are the proud parents of a daughter born January 23 at Stanford Hospital. Marjorie plans to return to work in the near future, it is reported.

Mary Stein, who before her recent marriage was Captain Mary Pringle of Special Services, has been welcomed back as a civilian, and is now secretary to Colonel Beswick.

Ruth Jensen of Payroll Branch, who resigned last week, left with her husband for a two months stay in Lone Pine, California.

Add Civilian Personnel style notes: Helen Lund's becoming new short hairdo and Esther Gobler's glamorous permanent.

"So you think Elvira made a very suitable match."

"Yes, indeed. You know what a nervous, excitable girl she was? Well, she married a composer."

Joe: "With whom was your wife quarreling last night?"

Moe: "Why, she was scolding the dog."

Joe: "Poor beast! I heard her threaten to take the front door key away from him."

SHE SAYS "COMING BACK TO LETTERMAN IS LIKE COMING HOME AGAIN"



Captain WILMA SANDBERG, ANC
Happy to be back after four years.

Captain Wilma Sandberg, ANC, has come back to duty at Letterman after an absence of nearly four years, and says "it is just like coming home again." She took her oath of office here when she entered the Army in February 1941 and remained at Letterman until she went overseas in May 1943 on a hospital ship, and during that first tour of duty Letterman became her favorite Army hospital, and San Francisco her favorite city.

She was born in Hibbing, Minnesota, and grew up in a town with the storybook name of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She received her nurse's training at the Minneapolis General Hospital and the University of Minnesota Hospital. Later, while she was in California on a vacation, she spent two days in San Francisco, and it took her only that long to decide she wanted to live here.

While Captain Sandberg was assigned to duty on the hospital ship she was in the South Pacific—in Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Then came a year at a hospital in Hawaii, after which she was sent to Guam.

When she got back to the United States in October 1945 she enjoyed a leisurely two-month leave at home in Minnesota, resting and having fun. When she returned to duty it was to Lovell General Hospital, Fort

Devens, Massachusetts. Following that she went to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., and remained there until the hospital closed in December. She asked for assignment to Letterman, and arrived here last week. She is on duty on Ward C-1.

She drove from the East Coast and en route enjoyed a visit with her sister, who lives in Reno. While in Reno she also saw another former Lettermanite, Captain Harriet Campbell, who is now a civilian, with whom she had been on the hospital ship and in the Islands. Since Captain Sandberg's return to Letterman she has been busy renewing old friendships, and says that in spite of all the changes in personnel she has found a number of former co-workers here or nearby.

Among her off-duty diversions are bowling and ice-skating, and she enjoys the theater, the ballet and the symphony. "I hope I'll be here for a long time," she says "so that next year I can get season tickets for the symphony."

Captain Sandberg is probably getting pretty weary of explaining that even though she does have an uncle named Carl, she is not related to Carl Sandburg the poet, so here it is, for the record. Besides, his name is spelled with a "u" and hers with an "e."

BOOK SHOP

THE COLLECTED WRITINGS OF AMBROSE BIERCE

(CNS) — For the first time in one volume are the outstanding works of one of America's most unusual writers. It is filled with psycho murder stories, mysteries, tales of the spirit world, and vignettes of hallucination and madness that chill the blood. It is the publishers' belief that this volume will gain Bierce his true place in American letters. Included in the collection are In the Midst of Life, The Devil's Dictionary, Can Such Things Be? Negligible Tales, Fantastic Fables, The Parenticide Club and The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter—all guaranteed to make you bar the doors. There is a Clifton Fadiman biog of Bierce, whose name and fame assumed legendary proportions ever since the day he disappeared into the wilderness of Mexico. Reminiscent of Edgar Allan Poe's dark genius.—(Citadel Press—\$4.00—810 pp)

BEST SPORTS STORIES

Edited by

Irving Marsh & Edward Ehre

(CNS)—The editors have collected top pieces of recent American sports writing and photography in this first-rate anthology. Based on the theory that the best of sports stories are destined to be forgotten the following day, Marsh and Ehre have done a swell job in getting out this book. First place award of \$500 went to Al Laney for his prize-winning "A Dark Man Laughs," a moving story of Sam Langford, one-time boxing great. "Fan At Mealtime," snapped by Phil Dion, won top honors in the pix class. Exciting reading for every fan in these stories from the pens of American sports scribes, such as Collier's Kyle Crichton and Grantland Rice, N. Y. Mirror's Dan Parker, Yank's Dan Polier, etc.—(World, \$1.00—288 pp)

HARD-BOILED OMNIBUS

Edited by Joseph T. Shaw

(CNS)—Editor of Black Mask Magazine, shortly after World War I, Shaw offers 15 early stories by writers who originated and developed the uniquely American story. All first appeared in Black Mask and not a few of the 15 are among the best of our mystery novelists today. Of novelette length, so popular in the early life of Black Mask, the stories are enormously exciting and full of vitality. Among the ace fictioneers represented in the anthology are Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler, George Harmon Coxe, Lester Dent, Thomas Walsh, Theodore Tinsley, and others. Fast tempo throughout.—(Simon & Schuster—\$3.00)

"I'll bet she wouldn't marry me," he said. She called his bet and raised him five.

Sports Chatter...

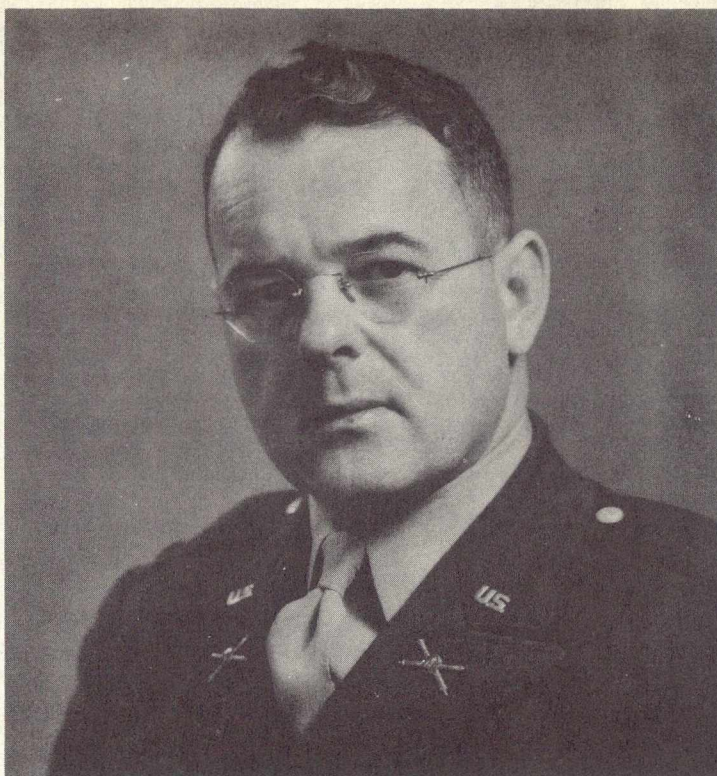
(CNS)—A new high in basketball is Max Palmer, seven-foot-seven-inch star of Vance, Miss., High School. A ninth grader, he weighs 300 pounds, is 19 years old, and has been averaging over 40 points playing less than half of each game. . . . Ring Magazine listed 94 names among the world's ranking bantamweights. But Harold Dade, who recently wrestled the title from Manuel Ortiz as an 8 to 1 underdog, was overlooked. . . . Bing Crosby, while playing in his \$10,000 pro-amateur golf tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif., watched his drive lodge in a tree. Seeing Johnny Weismueller playing on the next fairway, Der Bingle cupped his hands and shouted: "Hey, Tarzan, I've a tree-climbing job for you."

Ohio State was held to one field goal in the first 23 minutes of play in a recent basketball game against Illinois—probably a record in the Big Nine since elimination of the center jump. Illinois won 61-42 after taking a 39-9 lead. . . . Gen. George Marshall, new Secretary of State, was an All-Southern Conference tackle in his collegiate days at VMI. . . . Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis may team with Crooner Frank Sinatra in promoting boxing in Hollywood.

Tulane can salvage one boast from a dismal football season. The Green Wave met Notre Dame, the nation's No. 1 team, and probably more teams which landed in Bowl games than any other eleven—Rice, Georgia Tech and LSU. . . . Buddy Young, star of Illinois' 45-14 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA, was missing from school just about the time he vehemently denied headlines in a New York City paper that he had signed with the football Yankees of the All-America Conference. He has two more years of college eligibility. . . . Dale Ennis, 1946 Rookie-of-the-Year, rejected a \$7,000 raise in turning down a \$12,000 offer from the Phillies for 1947. He made application for a wedding license the same day. Maybe the Phils' owners need to convince him "Two can live as cheaply as one."

Long-shot horse players at Tropical Park, Fla., made two lucky strikes on Jan. 15. Hy-flare, beaten in his 14 previous starts, paid \$197 for \$2 and King Ranch's Watch Word paid \$70.60. . . . Joe Tinker, of Tinkerto-Evers-to-Chance fame in baseball, is recovering from the amputation of his left leg in an Orlando, Fla., hospital. . . . The Professional Basketball Association of America has banned use of the zone defense. . . . Tom Smith, suspended from horse racing for more than a year because one of his assistants confessed to stimulating a horse without his knowledge, has been reinstated as trainer of Elizabeth Graham's Maine Chance Farm.

PHYSICAL RECONDITIONING CHIEF WAS FORMERLY ATHLETIC COACH



Captain JOHN E. WIGGINS, CAC
Chief, Physical Reconditioning

News of the week about Lieutenant John E. Wiggins is his promotion to the rank of Captain, with congratulations in order. Captain Wiggins, who was recently appointed Chief of Physical Reconditioning, under Physical Medicine Service, is in his element in his new appointment. In civilian life, he taught physical education and was athletic coach at a high school in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Captain Wiggins was born in Petersboro, Ontario, Canada, but his family moved to Valparaiso shortly afterward, so he grew up and went to school in Indiana. He attended Ball State Teachers College and Indiana University.

He enlisted in the Army in November 1942 and went to Camp Wallace, Texas for basic training. He attended Officers Candidate School at Davis, North Carolina, and was then assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Replacement Training Center at San Diego, where he remained for a year. His next station was Fort Bliss, Texas.

He requested a transfer to reconditioning work, and in July 1944 was assigned to Wells Convalescent Hospital, Daytona Beach, Florida. "I

was at Wells from the time it opened until it closed last June," he says. During that time he developed a great fondness for Florida and still speaks nostalgically of the long stretch of Daytona Beach.

When Wells closed, Captain Wiggins came to Letterman, and was assistant to Lt. Col. Jesse U. Pritchett, Chief of Reconditioning Service, until the recent dissolution of that service when Physical Medicine Service was established. He was then assigned as Chief of Physical Reconditioning.

Sports are Captain Wiggins' chief diversion off duty as well as on, and he particularly enjoys fishing and hunting. He expects to receive his discharge from the Army in June, and will return in the Fall to his job as coach, but before returning to Indiana, he and his wife plan a visit to Florida.

Captain Wiggins' wife, who has the musical name of Lura, but is usually called "Lu," was with him when he was in Florida, and she is as anxious to see Florida again as he is, or more so, he says. At present Mrs. Wiggins is a civilian employee at Letterman, on duty in the East Hospital Service Club.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Newton D. Baker, once Mayor of Cleveland, later Secretary of War, said, "A man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after." It doesn't happen as quickly as all that, perhaps, but it is surprising how rapidly we can slip back if we let our minds become inactive. No engine can run at top speed constantly without wearing out before its time, but an engine that is habitually idle rusts beyond serviceability and exists to no purpose.

Promotion comes to those who increase their worth; seldom to others.

Increasing one's worth, however, is something more than acquiring additional skill and knowledge. To be sure, it is made up largely from these two important assets, but to them we must add others equally important—character, tact, leadership, honesty and courage.

On every street corner you'll find someone ready to tell you that rewards in business do not go to those who deserve them; that rewards come from pull, from "chiseling" and from almost anything except ability, integrity, tact, and earnest endeavor. Such a point of view is not only cynical and disillusioning; it is fantastic and false.

It is true that in every community in every large business, there are a few who held their jobs, and perhaps are given promotion because of influences that have nothing to do with their ability and ambition and character. It doesn't take very keen powers of observation, however, to see that such cases total a small number in comparison to the great army of people who make American business tick. The privates, the lieutenants, the generals in our industrial army hold their jobs and take on others—they get their medals and citations because they win them and deserve them.

Let's keep our minds active by taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered both on-the-post and in town—stop in the Educational Reconditioning office for lists of courses available.

When you go to drown yourself always pull off your clothes. They may fit your wife's next husband.

Medical officer: "How is the patient who swallowed the half dollar?"

Corpsman: "No change yet."



By T/SGT CLARENCE T. SMITH

(CNS) — Should history repeat itself, next September may have Billy Herman's Pittsburgh Pirates giving the Dodgers, Cardinals and the Braves or Cubs a tussle for the National League pennant. Who knows, even the Phillies may be in there pitching. But it appears a rather large order for the wheels of destiny, even to do justice to Hank Greenberg, about whom it then might be said: "It couldn't happen to a nicer guy!"

Hammerin' Hank's departure from Detroit parallels that of Rudy York, who in 1945 was booed unmercifully by fans who had long held him as an idol. Rudy, two years younger than Greenberg, was believed of little further value to the Tigers and they sold him to the Boston Red Sox. Well, Rudy showed 'em. He shared slugging laurels with Ted Williams in the Bosox pennant drive and accounted for two of their three World Series victories with home runs.

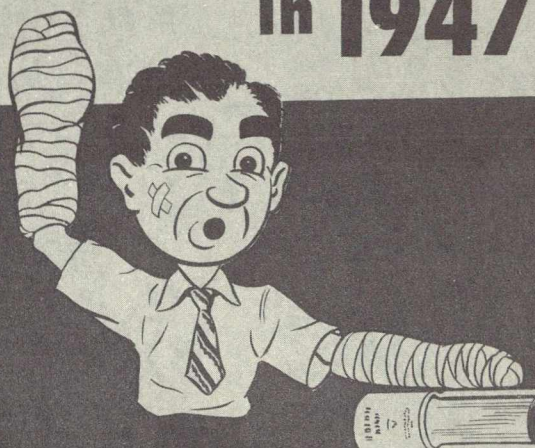
Selling Greenberg to the Pirates for a mere \$10,000 may turn out to be good business for Detroit. His 1946 salary of \$60,000 was the highest in baseball and the majors last fall adopted a rule limiting salary reductions to 25 per cent. The man who twice was voted the Most Valuable Player Award in the American League before he went away to serve four years in the Army Air Forces may be past his peak. But it seems like a scurvy trick, even to those long accustomed to the truism that "There is little room for sentiment in baseball."

Greenberg may no longer qualify in the whiz kid class as an infielder. Perhaps some of his bobbles at first base may have slowed up the Detroit defense. But no one ever can say that Hank is not in there trying all the time. And in the clutch he has been a mighty handy man to have around with comparatively few exceptions. It was his timely home run which gave the Bengals the deciding victory in the 1945 pennant race and his big bat carried them to triumph over the Cubs in the World Series.

Unconfirmed reports are that big Hank may be paid more by the Pirates than he received at Detroit. His record as the 1946 home run champion of the major leagues — 44 round-trippers and 125 runs batted in — would seem to warrant it. But sometimes money is pretty small, even in such amounts, compared to the ache in one's heart.

Hank starred in four World Series for the Tigers, driving in

Resolved: NO ACCIDENTS in 1947



22 runs, hitting five homers and averaging .318 at the plate. To exercise a corny phrase, he gave the "best years of his life" to the club and he finds it hard to be dumped after enjoying one of his best years in 1946.

In simple language and with characteristic dignity, Greenberg expressed his emotions by saying: "All I know is that this is a great surprise and a deep disappointment."

Over 240,000 Enrolled in USAFI At Present

Washington (CNS)—Over 240,000, or one out of every seven, men and women now in uniform, are enrolled in the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI), it was pointed out at a joint Army-Navy USAFI conference here.

Leave Rates Out; GIs Pay Civilian Fare

Washington (CNS)—Service men and women will begin paying full civilian fare of 2.2 cents per mile on buses and trains on January 31st. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that the reduced furlough rate of one and a quarter cents per mile will go to the full civilian level on that date.

Railroads and bus lines operating east of the Mississippi river proposed cancellation of the reduced fares effective December 31. On protest of the military branches of the government, the ICC suspended the schedules until January 30.

The ICC said that no reasonable ground had been presented for investigating the fares and issued an order discontinuing the proceedings. Thus, higher civilian fares for military personnel were allowed to go into effect.

At a December 11 hearing in Washington, the various armed forces asked the railroads to reconsider. The services contended that present reduced rates should continue in effect so long as Selective Service existed.

The furlough rates were inaugurated in 1941.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

GI insurance has been termed the veteran's "best asset from service" by responsible members of Government, commercial insurance firms, the press and the armed forces.

Yet only one veteran out of four has kept his GI insurance. Veterans Administration figures show that 11 million veterans have let their policies lapse in comparison to three million still in effect.

VA officials believe that most veterans will keep or reinstate their insurance if they know all the facts about it. That is why Veterans Administration this week launched a national campaign to get the facts on National Service Life Insurance to every veteran in the land.

VA wants veterans to know these four things about NSLI:

1. NSLI is just as cheap as during the war.

2. NSLI has been broadened by Congress to meet their peacetime needs. This means that policy holders have a free choice of beneficiaries, and that the insurance can be paid off in a lump sum or an installment basis, or both.

3. NSLI services are now being conducted from 13 branch offices throughout the Nation instead of from one central office in New York, as during the war. This means more efficient service. The mailing address of the office serving California is 180 New Montgomery St., San Francisco.

4. NSLI term policies that have lapsed can be reinstated for only the cost of two monthly premiums.

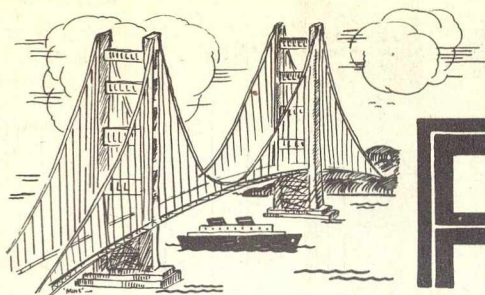
This column will discuss each of the primary facts about National Service Life Insurance during the next several weeks, in addition to carrying selected questions and answers about other GI benefits.

Question: "I would like to go into business with a friend who is not a veteran. Can I get a GI loan to start this business?"

Answer: Yes, providing your loan is to be for your actual share in the business.

Question: "My readjustment allowance has never been over \$15 because of income from other sources. Am I entitled to additional weeks of readjustment?"

Answer: No. The number of weekly allowances to which you are entitled is strictly limited. Each time you receive payment of a weekly allowance, regardless of the dollar amount, you use up one of the limited number to which you are entitled.



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Gen. Bliss Reports On Health of the Army in Europe

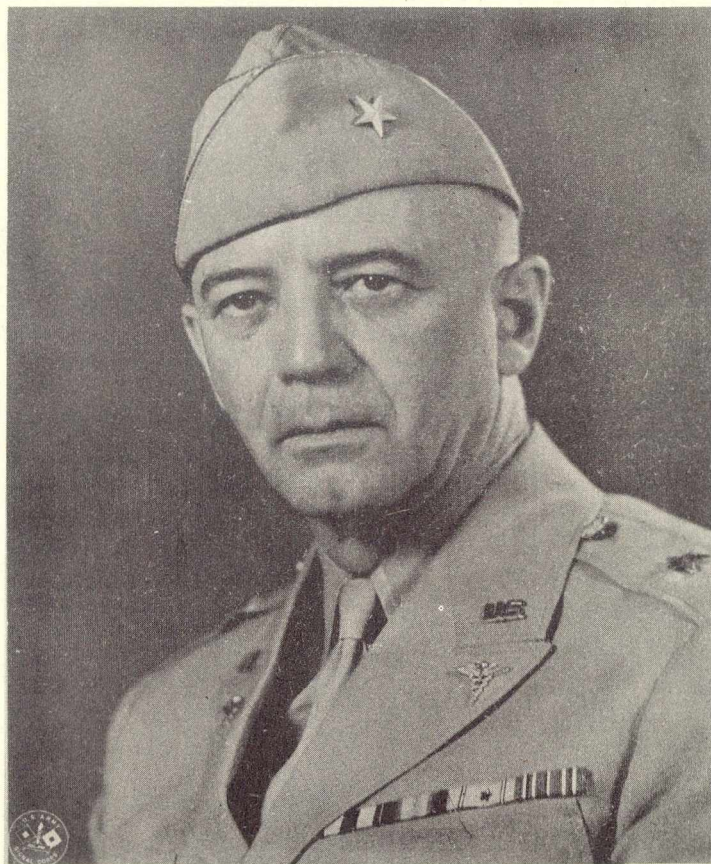
A report on "the overall excellence of the medical service" provided by American Army doctors in Germany, France and Italy was made by Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, The Deputy Surgeon General, on his return from a recent visit to the European Theater.

Commanding Generals of headquarters, without exception, expressed their appreciation of the quality of the medical officers in their commands, and the services rendered by them, according to General Bliss.

"During the war the Medical Corps was more of a cross-section of mature American medicine," General Bliss said. "Today the cross-section is of recent graduates in medicine who have completed their internships and varying degrees of medical and surgical residencies. These younger doctors are well trained, alert, energetic, careful in their examination of patients and thoroughly interested in their work.

"Patient care is on a high level and compares favorably with the highest standards of American medical practice. They are to be congratulated, and American medicine has every reason to be proud of them and of the excellence of current medical education. American families may be assured unhesitatingly that every patient in the hospitals in this Theater is receiving careful, conscientious and efficient medical care.

"There is at present a great opportunity in contemporary German medicine for young medical officers to increase their knowledge. There is an enormous amount of clinical material available for study and



Brig. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS, U. S. Army
The Deputy Surgeon General, who reported on his recent trip of inspection to the European Theater

the more studious and alert will seek ways and means of using this opportunity to the best advantage.

"Dental service in all hospitals was adequate and satisfactory.

"As always the nurses are performing their duties conscientiously. Very generally the morale of the nurses is high—their quarters are superior."

The remarkable and consistently low non-effective rate, i. e., an average of 2.3 per cent absent from

duty in hospital or quarters for the last ten months, is evidence of the general effectiveness of disease and injury control and treatment, according to General Bliss. However, the rate of incidence of the following preventable conditions is unduly high: venereal diseases, certain skin diseases, and injuries.

The entire command is acutely conscious of the high incidence rate of these conditions and preventive

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Post Engineers Begin Work on LGH Addition

Construction was started this week by the Post Engineer on an addition to the Letterman postoffice. A room 16 feet by 38 feet is being built between Building 1018 and 1019 and will be used by the Locator Section of the postoffice.

The plans also include construction of a ramp leading to the Post Chapel. At present the Chapel, which is on the second floor above the Mian PX, can be reached only by a stairway. When the ramp is completed, wheelchair patients will be able to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the religious services held there.

The room now used for the work of the Locator Section is a small one behind the postoffice, and when the new space is available, that room will be turned over to the PX. The Locator Section will have much needed additional space when the new room is constructed. The room they now use adjoins the PX and will be utilized to enlarge the present store. It has not yet been decided whether the space will be used for storage or display purposes.

The addition will be a frame structure in keeping with the main hospital building, and it will be equipped with the same sprinkler system for fire protection.

Construction of this one room will provide needed facilities for three of Letterman's service activities—the postoffice, the chapel and the PX.

It is expected that the work will be completed in about 60 days, according to Frederic Amandes, superintendent of construction for the post engineer.

LGH Personnel Urged to "Cash In" On Their Job Ideas

Military and civilian personnel of Letterman Hospital are eligible to compete for awards under the War Department Suggestion Program, and they are urged to submit their ideas for job improvement via the Suggestion boxes.

At a meeting of the Suggestion Committee held this week, the hope was voiced that each individual doing a job at Letterman would submit an idea a month. The main objective of the Suggestion Program is finding better, faster, cheaper and safer ways of getting the job done. No one is better fitted to find these ways than the person on the job.

If you have an idea for simplifying work methods or speeding up your work with no sacrifice of accuracy, submit it to the Suggestion Committee. It may earn an award.

Civilian personnel are eligible for cash awards: military personnel are rewarded with the equivalent of cash—furloughs and promotions.

It is a simple matter to submit a suggestion. The program works this way:

1. Obtain a Suggestion blank from your supervisor or from Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, Administration Building.

2. Write your suggestion briefly and clearly in the space provided on the blank.

3. Drop it in one of the Suggestion Boxes on the ramp.

The committee does the rest. Your suggestion will be acknowledged. It will then be considered and discussed in committee meeting with a view to determining the amount of time and money that would be saved by putting it into operation, and if it is adopted, you will receive an award.

Members of the Suggestion Committee are: Colonel Leonard Swanson, Major Irving I. Faling, Captain Stanley F. Ochocinsky, Mr. Raymond V. Shine and Miss Mary Ben-sen.

Emphasis is placed on the fact that persons submitting suggestions may do so for their own jobs or for other jobs with which they may be sufficiently familiar to have constructive ideas. Supervisors may submit ideas, and are urged to do so.

One feature of the Suggestion Program which is emphasized is that job improvement ideas which have already been put into effect may be submitted to the committee, provided they have been in use less than 60 days.



WHAT'S YOUR JOB SUGGESTION?

Both military and civilian personnel are urged to submit ideas for more efficient work methods. Above, Elizabeth Madruga of Surgical Service and Sgt. Gray Hoffman of Separation Center are putting their suggestions in one of the boxes on the Letterman ramp.

A variety of types of suggestions are eligible for awards. The Executive Order (No. 9817) signed by President Truman giving the regulations governing awards states that a suggestion that results "in improvement or economy in the operation of the department by way of monetary savings, increased efficiency, conservation of property, improved employee working conditions, or better service to the public," shall be eligible for consideration for an award.

Personnel who, instead of doing their job as a routine affair, will look it over for possibilities of change and improvement, may have more than one idea for eliminating waste, both of time and material.

Awards which may be made by the local committee range from \$5 to \$250. Suggestions which are eligible for larger awards are submitted to the War Department Civilian Awards Board for appropriate action.

According to the Secretary of War, "More than \$100,000,000 were the initiated savings of the War Department's Suggestion System during its two years of wartime opera-

tion. War Department employees made 282,000 suggestions during the war emergency, of which 42,500 were adopted. These worthwhile ideas definitely helped hasten the end of the war."

It has been pointed out that the program's outstanding worth was so fully demonstrated during the war that it is considered that in this post-war period it will be equally valuable as a means of introducing worthwhile innovations in the peacetime economy.

The Office of The Surgeon General reports that of 2,250 formal suggestions received in its departmental and field agencies, 560 were adopted. For these, \$16,000 was paid in cash awards, and the annual savings effected totaled \$525,000.

No matter in what hospital activity you are engaged, there is the possibility of improvement in some respect. Perhaps you already have an idea for that improvement. Perhaps by taking a fresh view of your work, a new and worthwhile idea will occur to you. Get a suggestion blank tomorrow and start your ideas working for an award. There is no limit to the number of suggestions you may submit.

LGH Contributes Over \$500 to March of Dimes

Contributions by Letterman personnel to the March of Dimes drive, which ended last week, totaled \$547. This is nearly \$200 over last year's total of \$361, reports 1st Lieutenant Frances V. Peterson, MAC, March of Dimes chairman. Lieutenant Peterson was assisted by 1st Lieutenant Albert Raby, and the Hospital Train Unit collection was handled by Captain Walter R. Norton.

Those who donated to this annual drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis put their money into the milk bottles labeled for each of the states, on the March of Dimes table on the ramp. Contributions were received from every one of the 48 states, the District of Columbia and Alaska and Hawaii.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL BLISS

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measures are being intelligently instituted. The acquisition of venereal disease infection in mature individuals whose intelligence has not been blunted by alcohol is relatively small.

The elimination of the unintelligent now in progress, the most careful supervision of the immature by conscientious and well-indoctrinated noncommissioned and company grade officers, the careful treatment of known infected civilians and the application of all the ancillary spiritual, education and recreational aids, should eventually reduce the venereal disease incidence materially.

The skin conditions are common among the crowded German civilian population.

"In the Public Health measures instituted by the Military Government," he said "none is more important in its beneficial relations with disease incidence in the Army than the continued use by the German civilian population of penicillin. Its results, after a year of most intensive procedural indoctrination, are just becoming apparent and its use is presently abruptly discontinued because of lack of penicillin by the American Military Government."

The Camera Catches the Detachment "Trail's End" Party



THEY PLAYED THE GAME
in the Wild West manner at the Detachment party.



TALKING IT OVER OVER A COKE
Capt. Clarence O. Lee and S-Sgt. Alvin Vendouris--Sheriff Vendouris, that is.



DANIEL BOONE AND MAE WEST
indulge in a game of chance while the stage money piles up like crazy.



GAMBLERS ALL

First row, l to R: T-5 James Bernhard, Pfc. Richard Wilson, Cpl. Jerry Romanik, T-Sgt. William Stewart. Second row: Cpl. David Gilder, Sgt. Bob Bisbee, S-Sgt. Alvin Vendouris, Pfc. Harlan Swartout, T-5 Lloyd Woodbury.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

PERSONALITY

"Nature can't make us perfect, so she did the next best thing—she made us blind to our faults."

People are not conscious of the fact that their personality is sinking to a new low. What is that indescribable quality which attracts people to you? If you give a flabby handshake; if you have a grouchy look with the corners of your mouth turned down, we don't need you around.

Faces that smile; voices that ring; interests that are broad; likeable personality . . . these are the things that attract people. It might be said that personalities are like a mountain stream. It sings as it tumbles down the hills into the lake, and whenever we touch it there is a supply of fresh, pure water.

Some personalities are like that. Whether you meet them on the mountain top or down at the lake, they are always sparkling, always ringing. Their presence chases gloom and inspires us to go along with them. Where they lead, all follow; when they smile, all smile. "Persuasion is better than force."

Don't expect to be successful in any part of life if you haven't learned to make yourself likeable.

—"The Prattler," Pratt General Hospital.



Four members of the Army Nurse Corps and three dietitians are to be congratulated this week on their promotions from second to first lieutenant. The wearers of the new silver bars are Alda J. Enrico, ANC, Jennie R. Tuter, ANC, Verna E. Fomby, ANC, Rose L. Keefe, ANC, Mary Bess Holke, MDD, Ann Malone, MDD, and Frances J. Trocinsky, MDD.

Lt. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy is on a seven-day leave in San Diego, and intends to explore the southland as far as is possible in that time.

—Lt. Reba Holland, ANC, left this week for Dallas, Texas, on emergency leave.

Welcome to five new members of the Army Nurse Corps recently arrived at Letterman: Captain Dorothy L. Looby, 1st Lieutenant Mildred Hilliard, 1st Lieutenant Beatrice M. Hagan, 2d Lieutenant Matilda M. Sabo and 2d Lieutenant Otilia Hovland. Lieutenant Hilliard has recently returned from Germany; Lieutenant Sabo came from Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas; Captain Looby and Lieutenants Hagan and Hovland came from Otteen Annex, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

Lieutenant Leith Shaeffer of Physical Therapy is enjoying a visit from her mother, who is in San Francisco for a few days before returning home.

Captain Sarah Pollock has gone to Atlanta, Georgia, on leave, and 1st Lieutenant Alice L. Moffett is also on leave.

Motorists on the Golden Gate Bridge last Sunday who noticed two climbers being helped over the bridge railing may have thought it was thwarted double suicide attempt or an effort to evade payment of the bridge toll. However, this is to certify that Lt. Emily Mueller and Lt. Aileen Lasse of Physical Therapy just wanted a cup of coffee at the Round House restaurant. Because of the fence separating the Presidio area from the bridge area they were about to give up, but two civilians (who happened to be fellow Lettermanites) saw that wistful coffee-hungry look on their faces, and gave

WAC

A slightly tardy birthday greeting to Sylvia Winer who celebrated the happy event Wednesday, January 29! We hope she'll be lucky enough to celebrate her next birthday with her family.

Although Marjorie May has a most confining job, her pleasing personality is responsible for that usual cheerful "Hello, how are you?"

Anna Laue has had a tonsillectomy and is confined to ward P and would enjoy having visitors.

We miss Lillian Bort since she has been transferred to the Sixth Army.

Elizabeth Hess is certainly doing more than her share of work. Her duties include working in Surgery, the Blood Bank and being barracks sergeant. However, she is happy with each assignment.

With Elsie LePetri working in Central Service it's quite evident she has very little time to spare. We hear she does her job well, too!

The lack of moral support at the weekly basketball games is felt just a bit. Our CO is there rooting for the Letterman team—so let's try to back the team with a few cheers. They are high-spirited, clean players and deserve a lot of credit!

Automobiles are OK as automobiles go, and Katherine Mack owns one, but she says, "You can't put a saddle on an Oldsmobile." "Mack" is very devoted to horses. It was her desire to receive one for her birthday, which incidentally was January 30. Happy Birthday, Mack!

Imagine Viola Mackie's disappointment when after eating a full course meal, she suddenly remembered a dinner engagement. Oh, Waist Line!

It is heartwarming to see Aggie (Perssons) Johnson so happy in her cozy little apartment. Aggie was not at all reluctant about remaining here for her furlough. You see, she had lots of work to do in order to make her apartment comfortable, and from what we hear her husband, Charley, was assuming his share of the responsibility, too. Best wishes for happiness to the newlywed Johnsons.

them a hand over the bridge so they could attain their objective. Try it some time if you don't mind getting your coffee the hard way.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 9 February 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Departures

Three Lettermanites departed this week, sped on their way with good wishes for the future. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly, assistant post chaplain, left for duty at Fort Lawton, Washington, where he will be Post Chaplain. Chaplain Reilly, who is a native of San Francisco, was a prisoner of war in Japan for three years. He had been at Letterman since last March.

Major Henry D. Moon, pathologist with the Laboratory Service here since June 1944, left after being separated from the Army. He will be at the Veterans' Hospital at Fort Miley as Director of the Pathology Laboratory.

Miss Leone Robertson of the Red Cross, who has been with the Hospital Train Unit for the past two years, has resigned, and plans to do post graduate work in music.

Prudence is the necessary ingredient in all the virtues, without which they degenerate into folly and excess.—**Jeremy Collier.**

A people, it appears, may be progressive for a certain length of time, and then stop. When does it stop? When it ceases to possess individuality.—**John Stuart Mill.**

The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two words, industry and frugality—that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both. Without industry and frugality, nothing will do, and with them everything.—**Benjamin Franklin.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARJORIE LEE MAY
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Marjorie May has a special interest in the current movie "Margie," because she was named after the song for which the picture was named. "That song was new and popular about the time I was born, and my mother liked it so much, she named me Margie," she reports. She says she enjoyed the picture a lot.

Margie was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, and was graduated from the Owensboro High School. Before she entered the Army she worked for a radio tube manufacturing company for four years.

She had always been interested in the field of medicine, and had wanted to be a doctor or a nurse, so when the WACs had a drive to recruit medical technicians she enlisted, in January 1945. She went to Des Moines for her basic training, and to William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, for technicians' training. Following that she had a month's on-the-job training at the Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. She was then assigned to the debarkation hospital at Camp Haan, California.

While Margie was on the train en route to Camp Haan rumors began to fly that the war was over. When the train stopped briefly at a small town in Kansas, the passengers leaned out the train window and asked if the rumors were true. When they learned that it was really V-J day, the celebration began. "I had a hard time," says Margie, "because I wanted to celebrate but I didn't want to drink, and everybody seemed to think it was their duty to get me to take a drink." She won, though. She didn't take one.

She remained at Camp Haan until the debarkation hospital closed in March 1946, and was then assigned to Letterman. After a month

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Robert Fair, of ward C-1, and his wife Virginia were stars of the "sweetheart story-book" time on the Jack Gregson show this week over KPO. The told the story of their romance, which began when they met on a street car and Robert was the motorman and Virginia the passenger. Virginia came to San Francisco from Pittsburgh last August with Robert's mother, when he was seriously ill here at the hospital after his return from the Philippines. When he recovered, he and Virginia were married. Their gift for telling their story over the air was a handsome silver platter from a San Francisco jeweler.

Patients on ward 12 had a happy surprise for Mrs. Dorothy Israel last week on her birthday. Mrs. Israel is the representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, and comes to the hospital three days each week to visit the patients. When she arrived on the ward last Wednesday, the patients presented her with a candlelit birthday cake and a beautiful corsage. "I'm not usually at a loss for words," she says, "but just then I couldn't say a word." The birthday card which accompanied the gifts was signed by the two Gray Ladies, Ruby Colton and Rosalie H. Wienerberger, and the following patients: Kenneth Hienz, Joe Bertolino, Frederick B. Seals, Harold L. Hatfield, Joseph O'Mahony, Tex Malone, Federico H. Chaion, Dennis Fillbach, Charles Bishop, Rudolph Murga, William McKinney, Feide Saidberg, Bob Poolen, Italo Palinelli, James Moore, Harry L. Eaton, Roger Morris, Linwood R. Stanley.

John Collins of ward 31, who was recently married, is now on a honeymoon furlough. His friends at the hospital wish the newlyweds every happiness.

Frank Soto of ward C-2 is spending a 30-day furlough at the home of his parents in Hayward.

A letter from Norman Greer, for-

in the Orthopedic Section, she received her present assignment, on ward S-1, where she assists with insulin therapy.

She is very much interested in her work, and devotes a good part of her leisure time to reading books on psychiatry. She likes to read historical novels also, and enjoys going to the movies.

merly a patient on ward 31, and now an out-patient at McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena, says that although he is still wearing his cast, he has started in business as an actor's agent in Beverly Hills. Here's wishing him lots of luck.

Irving Mannes of ward C-2 is spending a furlough in Los Angeles with his wife.

The Big Ten among the states in the March of Dimes drive—that is, the states in leading place in the amount of money contributed to the drive, were in the following order: California, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Oregon, Illinois, Iowa, Washington, Virginia, Wisconsin.

Rudolph Schleif of ward 41 was a happy man this week when he received his discharge and prepared to take off with his family for Port Angeles, Washington, where they will make their home. He plans to take a vacation in Wisconsin next summer, and eventually return to his pre-war job of motion picture projectionist.

Four other patients from ward 41 received their discharges the same day—Herman Bruce of Richmond, California; Ernest Siptak of Bellevue, Texas; Paul H. Kleinhammer of Jefferson, Missouri, and Howard Stokeley of Pascolam, Missouri.

A call for talent has been sent out by the Sons O'Guns radio show, and patients who are interested may contact Corporal David Faust, Building T-37, extension 3977. This is the Army Recruiting Service show for the Sixth Army area which was first broadcast over one station, and is now on the air over 134 stations. A variety of talent is needed for the show—a quartet, violin, cowboy singer, male or female soloists, impersonators, a singing trio of nurses or WACs. Only military personnel are used on the program. Among the stations over which it may be heard are KSFO on Fridays at 11:45 a. m., and KRRC on Saturdays at 9 a. m.

Bruce Ward, patient on ward C-50, was among the injured in the train wreck of the San Joaquin Daylight this week when it collided with a tank truck-trailer which sprayed ten cars of the train with blazing gasoline. He was brought to Letterman, and is now on ward D-1, having suffered a fractured ankle, but no burns.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JOHN DUNCAN
Corporal

Corporal John Duncan of Separation Center is contemplating with pleasure the fact that the Separation Center will soon be working on his separation, and he can stop helping other people get their discharges and get on with his plans for the future.

He has made all arrangements for his arrival at his home in Omaha, Nebraska. The one and only girl, Shirley Nelson, will meet him at the station, and he has requested his family to leave the door unlocked so he won't disturb them when he comes in after his date.

John came into the Army after completing one semester of work at Omaha University, and he is somewhat upset by the thought that Shirley is now a year ahead of him in college. He wants to make sure that she doesn't have any ideas about pulling rank on him when he goes back to school.

He had four years of journalism in high school, and plans to continue with that and take courses in radio writing and business administration. He intends to complete his journalism work at the University of Missouri.

He lettered in basketball in college, and wants to continue with sports activities, and to do sports writing as well. He began playing golf when he was 8 years old, and helped win the city golf championship tournament for his high school.

When John was first in the Army he was at Camp Crowder, Mo., for three months, and was then sent to Camp Polk, La., where he was stationed for several months. He came to Letterman last September, and was assigned to Separation Center. He says he has enjoyed his work there very much. Most of his leisure time since he's been here has been spent at the gym, the post theatre or beside the radio.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Doris Peters of Civilian Personnel resigned last week and is taking a position in a doctor's office in San Rafael. Her friends wish her lots of success in her new work.

Jack Eckenroad of the Laboratory has resigned to go back to school, and is taking a pre-med course at San Francisco State College, so one of these days in the not-too-distant future they'll be calling him Dr. Eckenroad.

Midge Fawcett of the Laboratory reports a good time and no casualties after her skiing week-end at the Sugar Bowl.

Margaret Grosse, formerly of Medical Supply, was welcomed back to Letterman when she returned to work recently, again in Medical Supply.

No sooner did Eulalia Beebee of Dental Clinic return to work after her recovery from a recent operation than the flu bug got her and she had to go on sick leave again.

Ovide Gendreau, new employee in Separation Center, was welcomed to Letterman last week.

Jo Margaret Thomas, whose husband is stationed here with the Medical Detachment, began work this week in Orthopedic Section.

Eileen Hollen, who resigned last week from Finance Department, was the happy guest of honor at a farewell dinner given for her by her fellow workers.

Caroline Brophy of Separation Center is resigning. The wanderlust has got her again. During the war she made a trip as stewardess on the Norwegian Merchant Marine line and went to New Guinea. This was followed by two years in Alaska, where she worked for the Weather Bureau. Now she's going out on a trip with the Norwegian Merchant Marine again, and will go to Shanghai and Hongkong. She plans to take her drawing materials along and make pictures as she goes.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic is getting used to waiting. She waited weeks for a typewriter chair, and was finally provided with a nice one. Shortly after she got it, a sergeant sat on it and it collapsed. Now Mary is waiting for another chair, and people keep telling her that all good things come to those who wait, and that patience is a virtue and other well-known remarks of that nature.

SHE WANTS TO END THOSE ONE-YEAR MOVES AND STAY HERE AT LETTERMAN



Captain VIDA BUEHLER, MDPT
Chief of Physical Therapy

Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, who came to Letterman as supervising Physical Therapist last June, is at Letterman on her fourth tour of duty, and this time she hopes it's for keeps. Quite some time ago she decided that San Francisco was her favorite city, and Letterman her favorite hospital. At present she supervises a staff of 19 Physical Therapists.

She was born in Ritzville, Washington, near Spokane, and was graduated from the University of Oregon, at Eugene, taking her B.A. and M. A. degrees there. She at first intended to teach physical education, and while studying for her Master's degree she had a graduate assistantship at the University and taught half time. She discovered that she didn't like teaching after all, and decided on Physical Therapy.

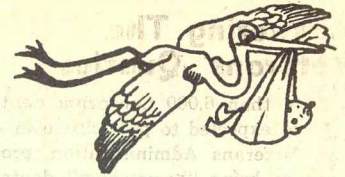
After a course at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., she came to Letterman for her first tour of duty, and was here for three years. Her next assignment was in Manila, at Sternberg General Hospital. She like the Philippines, but was homesick for San Francisco, and returned here in 1938, when she was

again at Letterman for a short time.

Then came a civilian interval, and Captain Buehler was in Modesto for a year, in Los Angeles for a year and in North Carolina for a year. In 1941 she came back to the Army, and was stationed at Santa Barbara. "I hoped I was through with moving for a while, and said that if I moved again the Army would have to move me. They did—after one year. I went to Palm Springs, and one year later was sent overseas. It began to look as though I was operating on a one-year schedule."

While overseas Captain Buehler served at Milne Bay, New Guinea, Finchhaven, Biak and Manila. In Manila she found that all the familiar places she had known were in rubble. She worked there under Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, Letterman's present Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service. "We started with the worst of working conditions, and ended up with the best," she says.

She was there until November 1945, and arrived home in time for Thanksgiving. "It was wonderful to see the blue hills again, to see the cars flashing by and the people wearing gay clothes. Such a con-



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. David A. Hill, a boy, **Michael Edward**, born 28 January.

To Major and Mrs. Kenneth Stohl, a girl, **Linda Gail**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 28 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Bernard Wiener, a boy, **Geoffrey**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 30 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Polasky, a girl, **Theresa Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 30 January.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbert McCleary, a boy, **Danny Walter**, weight 6 pounds and 8¼ ounces, born 30 January.

Wife: "Don't you think I look as nice as those movie stars?"

Husband: "You put that chair down and I'll answer that."

Scotchman: "Get behind your lover, you unfaithful wife, I'm going to shoot you both."

Do you use toothpowder?
Now, I don't believe in cosmetics for men.

I've just swallowed a worm.
Hadden't you better take something for it?

No—I'll let the thing starve.

Traveler: "Give me a ticket from Toronto to New York."

Agent: "Do you wish to go by Buffalo?"

Traveler: "Certainly not, by train."

The minister found Tommy on the sidewalk, drunk. He picked him up. He told Tommy that it wasn't possible to drink up all the brewery could make. Tommy looked at the brewery, all lighted up, and said, "Anyway, I got them working nights."

trast to Manila. When we got to Camp Anza they told us we were going to have the best thanksgiving diner we ever had, and it was."

Captain Buehler asked for assignment to Letterman, but was first sent to Walter Reed for orientation in new techniques of treatment and was then assigned to Fort Belvoir, Va., where she remained until June. Then came the long-awaited orders which brought her back to LGH.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

More than 6,000 California dentists are expected to participate in a new Veterans Administration program to bring "home-town" dental services to former servicemen and women who are suffering from conditions incurred while they were members of the armed forces.

VA will pay the bills for this service given by "participating dentists on a fee basis," as they are called, when veterans cannot "feasibly" be taken care of in VA's own dental clinics.

Any dentists in California may be appointed by VA for "fee basis" services after he has applied to the California Dental Association and received approval as an ethically qualified practitioner.

Veterans may apply for dental services at any VA office.

Question: "May the wife or child of a veteran be granted hospital or domiciliary care by Veterans Administration because of the relationship to the veteran?"

Answer: No. Admission to VA hospitals or homes is granted only to those who served in the armed forces.

Question: "May I pay off my GI loan before it comes due?"

Answer: Yes. Regulations give you that right.

Question: "May I use my GI loan guaranty to acquire an interest in a going business?"

Answer: Yes. The law provides that the funds must be used in "pursuing a gainful occupation." This means that you would have to be active in the business.

Question: "Am I entitled to an increase in compensation if my service-connected disability has increased since compensation was allowed?"

Answer: Probably. The rate of increase of compensation depends upon the increase in disability as shown by physical examination by a VA doctor and evaluation under the rating schedule.

In New York there is a man run over every ten minutes.

What a man.

The stingy farmer was scoring the hired man carrying a lighted lantern to call on his best girl.

"The idea," he exclaimed. "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern; I went in the dark."

"Yes, I know," said the hired man sadly, "and look what you got."

LETTERMAN'S NEW FINANCE OFFICER IS USED TO MONEY IN TRUCKLOADS



Captain WAYLAND G. TURNER
Finance Officer at Letterman

To Captain Wayland G. Turner, who came to Letterman as Finance Officer in January, handling financial transactions for the Army is an old story. Finance Department assignments in five states, in the Philippines and in the European Theater have made him familiar with every aspect of funding.

He mentions as "unusual" an incident that occurred during the Ardennes action, when his unit evacuated two truckloads of money. Personnel of the unit remained on the scene of action, but the money was evacuated to safety.

"In such cases we're authorized to burn the money," said Captain Turner, "but it's necessary to take the serial number of every piece of currency, and I was afraid that with enough money on hand to fill two trucks, the war would be over before the job was done." So that was one time when money was not expendable—temporarily, anyway.

Captain Turner was born in North Carolina, but left there when he was 20, and worked in Texas for a time. He enlisted in the Army in 1929, at Fort Meade, Maryland, and after three years there, was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. During this

time he was with a tank detachment. He then enlisted in the Finance Department, and attended the Finance school at Washington, D. C.

A two-year assignment in Manila followed, from 1935 to 1937, and upon his return to the United States, he was on ROTC duty at UCLA, where he did administrative work. He was stationed there for five years, and during that time received his commission as second lieutenant. After assignments at Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana; Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Swift, Texas, he went to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was Finance Officer of the newly activated 46th Finance Disbursement Section. In September 1943 he was sent overseas, and after 11 months in England, went to France shortly after D-Day. The unit was responsible for funding the Third Army, and was in Luxembourg from October 1944 until March 1945. Later they were in Maintz and Rottendorf, then in Marseilles, where they furnished Finance service to one of the staging areas.

Captain Turner returned to the United States in September 1945, and after a 90-day leave, which he spent in Los Angeles with his wife,

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced forthcoming examinations for probational appointments to a number of positions. Following are the titles of the positions, salaries and closing dates:

Veterinarian, \$2644 to \$4149 a year. Closing date for applications, 11 March 1947.

Engineer—Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Irrigation, Mechanical, \$2644 a year. Closing date, 20 February 1947.

Operating Engineer, \$2469, \$2895 a year. Closing date 19 February 1947.

National Housing Agency, Federal Housing Administration positions: Underwriting Aide, \$2394; Valuation Aide, \$2644; Construction Aide, \$2644; Mortgage Credit Aide, \$2644. Closing date, 13 February 1947.

Fire Service positions: Fire Inspector, \$4149; Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, \$3271 to \$3773; Fire Captain, \$2895; Firefighters, \$2469 to \$2694; Firefighter, trainee, \$2243; Fire Inspector, \$2694; Fire Alarm Operator, \$2644. Closing date, 13 February 1947.

Railroad positions: Railroad Conductor, \$1.25 to \$1.58 per hour; Locomotive Engineman, \$1.30 to \$1.63 per hour; Brakeman, \$1.17 to \$1.43 per hour; Fireman (locomotive and stationary), \$1.16 to \$1.43 per hour; Trackman, .99 to \$1.24 per hour; Sandblaster, \$1.08 to \$1.40 per hour; Engineman, H & P, \$1.27 to \$1.55 per hour; Craneman, Electric, \$1.15 to \$1.43 per hour. Closing date, 19 February 1947.

Details of requirements for these examinations are posted on the Letterman bulletin boards, and may also be obtained from the Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, Administration Building.

Lorayne and his young son Richard, who is now seven, he was assigned to disbursing officer at Camp Haan, California. Last May he came to San Francisco as fiscal officer at Sixth Army headquarters at the Presidio. He came to Letterman from that assignment.

Captain Turner received a commendation from General Cobbs, the Fiscal Director, for his work done overseas after D-Day.

For leisure time activities, Captain Turner enjoys golf and swimming, and is an interested spectator at baseball and basketball games.



By T/Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—Bill Football, the strong boy who carries the financial freight of the college sports family, has promised to wash the pay dirt out of his eyes, ears and mouth, and to live hereafter in the saintly spirit of "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil."

In effect, this is the pledge of the new "Purity Code" adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association at its recent annual meeting. New Year's resolution fervor may have prevailed, for delegates virtually said: "We confess, we repent, and we will sin no more!"

Skepticism is a normal reaction to such a commendable decision. Observers familiar with the widespread proselytizing and subsidizing of football stars—and, to a lesser degree, stars in other sports—are tempted to believe that professionalism in the supposedly amateur field is here to stay.

About the only real change they anticipate is that future recruiting and payment of stars will be more discreetly handled—that, figuratively, the left hand may not know what the right hand is doing. In this case, the coaches and school officials will be the left hand and the right hand those alumni ready and willing to pay generously in support of winning teams—all payments to be made to athletes off the campus and without knowledge of school authorities, of course.

Still, there are the optimists who believe the NCAA will succeed in its announced determination to restore college athletics to the simon-pure code, and to eliminate the influence of professional gamblers. Their hope is that honor among men will solve the problem, rather than in faith that punitive enforcement measures will discourage violators.

But such thinking ignores that there are many coaches who believe college athletes should be paid. In this category is Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, NCAA president for two years, who was scheduled to make a talk advocating such a plan at the annual meeting. For reasons unexplained, but generally understood, the speech never was delivered. It might have been slightly out of tune with the purity motif, and more astute leaders recognized the public wanted a whitewash job.

Divorcing of the greed of colleges for huge gate receipts from the present need of paying to get the stars who will lure the crowds is a problem which should produce interesting developments during the year of grace which



TWO NEW MAJORS

Added to Letterman roster when Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, pinned the golden oak leaves on the shoulders of (L. to R.): Major Jack D. Burnett, Chief of Military Personnel and Major Alfred E. Coodley of Neuropsychiatric Service.

the NCAA has allowed to effect the purity code. Will college stars who have been paid more generously than many pros be able to reconcile themselves to amateurism? Or will talented youths quit their educations early to cash in on professional football?

That there will be many who will forsake college gridirons is indicated by the number of men who announced their intention of quitting in order to accept pro offers within a few days after the purity code was adopted by the NCAA. The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C. university president, stated Notre Dame's policy frankly. He declared the fighting Irish "make no apologies for wanting winners. . . . True reform in athletics will not be accomplished by the mere publishing of noble, high-sounding codes which are often hypocritically evaded in actual practice."

A similar view was expressed by Matty Bell, football coach and athletic director at Southern Methodist, who termed the purity code "operational from the theoretical standpoint, but not from the practical standpoint."

In the same way, the influence of big money is threatening professional football and, to a lesser degree, several other sports. The recent Paris bribe case, involving Frank Filchock and Merle Hapes of the New York Giants, provoked a demand for legislation to provide for a \$10,000 fine and a 10-year prison sentence. But it appears that more than laws are needed. Reaffirmation of the Ephebic Oath of the ancient Greek athletes might be more effective. It reads:

"We who are about to engage in the game of sport do reaffirm our allegiance to our duty to play fair; we will never bring disgrace upon our country by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; we will fight for the ideals of sportsmanship both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the rules of the game without fear or favor and do our utmost to incite a like respect and reverence in those about us who are prone to annul them and set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of duty toward all sport; thus in all ways we will strive to transmit the torch of sport, greater, better and more beautiful than it was when transmitted to us."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

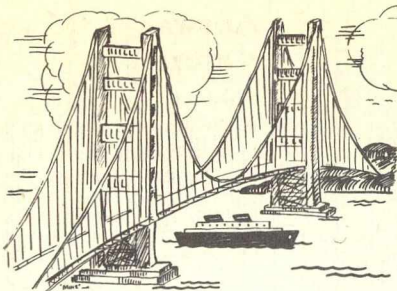
1. A menu for a gourmet—the next time you go to a French restaurant order the following: Creme Vichyssoise, Truite a la Meuniere, Oeuf Marechale, Petits pois a l'Anglaise, Pommes Parisienne, Coeurs de Romaine, Bavarois au Chocolat, Corbeille de Fruits. If you finish every last morsel and still don't know what you've eaten, stop in the E/R Office and see Miss Frances Lilienthal, the language teacher, who will be able to help you out—and if you have the desire to learn French or Spanish, she's the person to see. Next week's menu, or La Carta, will help you select a Spanish dinner (guaranteed to be non-reducing)

2. Interested in saw and repair work? A certain D.S.D. (Doctor of Saw Dentistry) who operates such a business in Palo Alto is in need of a helper—the main requirements being, "First, he must be mechanically inclined. Second, he must have great patience. Third, the physical requirements—good eyes and good hands." There is a great need for young men to learn to file saws, as most of the present day carpenters are either unable or unwilling to care for their tools, and nearly all the men who can and will file saws are elderly. The name of the man who needs a helper may be obtained by calling ext. 4403.

3. The Pacific Radio School, highly recommended by graduate students, operates on an all-year-round program. The charges for the various courses are based on the length of time spent at the school. As the work at the school is individual the time required to complete the course depends upon one's education, previous knowledge and experience in radio, if any, and ability to absorb theory and practice. Day classes are from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. Night classes are from 6:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. Part time classes allow three evenings at school combined with home study in theory. All classes are held from Monday to Friday inclusive all year, and cover 2nd Class Radio-telegraph (U.S. Federal License), Radio-telephone (U.S. Federal License), both U.S. Licenses qualify one for any operating positions, Technician training, and Practical Radio Engineering.

"Tommy, why are you scratching yourself?"

"No one else knows where I itch."



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Special Program On Monday for Brotherhood Week

As a feature of American Brotherhood Week, which will be observed nationally from February 16 to 23, there will be a Brotherhood Entertainment on Monday evening, February 17, at 7 p. m. at the Edgewater Ballroom, 660 Great Highway, San Francisco. Mayor Lapham and Governor Warren will be speakers on the program, and stars of stage and radio will entertain. Patients are invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board Veterans and Hospital Service in cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. On the program committee are representatives from San Francisco newspapers, from a number of service organizations and from the entertainment field.

American Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, held the week of George Washington's birthday, stresses brotherhood as the pattern for peace, and quotes Washington's words: "Harmony and good will towards men . . . the basis of every political establishment."

Goal of the American Brotherhood campaign is to enroll millions of people in a brotherhood dedicated to the extension of freedom, justice and responsibility as the foundation stones of a peaceful world. Brotherhood is defined by the organization which sponsors it as "a willingness to give to others every right and dignity we claim for ourselves."

It is felt that it is necessary to educate for brotherhood; that it is necessary, but not sufficient, to believe in it and live it as persons and citizens. Among the adversaries of brotherhood are selfishness, prejudice and ignorance.

It is the contention of the organ-



Lt. Col. JESSE U. PRITCHETT
Chief Convalescent Services at Letterman, who leaves
Monday for Washington to assume his new duties as Chief
of Convalescent Services Division in the Office of The
Surgeon General.

ization that brotherhood is essential to the fulfillment and perpetuation of American democracy.

In his letter of acceptance of the Honorary Chairmanship of American Brotherhood Week, President Harry S. Truman said, in part:

"Our own land can make no greater contribution to this troubled world than to establish brotherhood as the rule of life among all our citizens of every religion, race or national origin. Brotherhood—live it, believe it, support it—must be the resolve that governs our relations to one another. We cannot hope to commend brotherhood

abroad unless we practice it at home.

"Democracy rests upon brotherhood. Justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews throughout our nation are cornerstones of democracy, even as they are the requirements of brotherhood. With them we can maintain our national unity and keep up the teamwork needed in peace as in war.

"I, therefore, join heartily with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and with all forces of good will in our country in com-

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Eisenhower Speaks On Occupation and Security Problems

(CNS)—Continued occupation of Germany and Japan is among the greatest contributions the United States could make to future peace, according to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff. In an address to the Bond Club in New York, he said that American occupation forces have been reduced to such a level that "we have reached the point of danger."

Gen. Eisenhower explained that the nation faced a short-term, as well as a long-term problem in obtaining relative security through arms. The short-term problem, he said, is getting rid of the Selective Service system and restoring the old method of volunteer enlistments.

The Chief of Staff referred to draftees as "the expensive type of soldier" in that they served only a short time in relation to the amount spent on their training.

He declared that the long-term problem is obtaining relative security, a state which involves keeping the Army up to date through scientific research and development.

Gen. Eisenhower emphasized the fact that no amount of armed might ever produced absolute security.

"There could be no security in the absolute sense," he said, "unless it is enjoyed by every nation. That is why the concept of the United Nations must be successful if we are ever to enjoy absolute security."

The General ended his address by saying that there is one thing on which everyone in Washington agrees—that our Army is not too large.

LGH Gym Program Is Both Remedial and Recreational

Popular with patients and duty personnel alike, the Letterman gymnasium and swimming pool are busy centers of remedial and recreational activity. A coordinated program is carried on under the direction of Captain John E. Wiggins, Chief of Physical Reconditioning.

That popular institution known as the five-day week doesn't mean a thing at the gym, where they operate on a seven day schedule, and are open daily from 8 a. m. until 9 p. m., except on Saturday and Sunday, when both gym and pool close at 4:30 p. m.

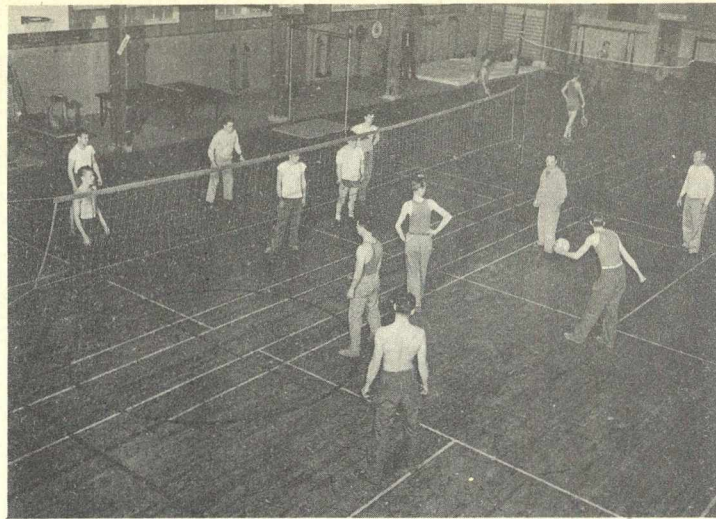
At the gym, a group of patients playing volley ball or basketball are getting more than just the fun of physical exercise, they're also conditioning themselves for the goal they all want to reach; return to duty or to civilian life. At the pool also, the patients are given special exercises to help them back to normalcy.

Patients are sent to the gym for remedial activities prescribed by the Chief of Physical Medicine, and are given a combination of special treatments and prescribed sports best suited to their individual needs. Active and passive exercises are assigned, according to the diagnosis furnished. Individual programs are carried on for orthopedic cases, paraplegics and polio patients, involving the use of both gym and pool facilities.

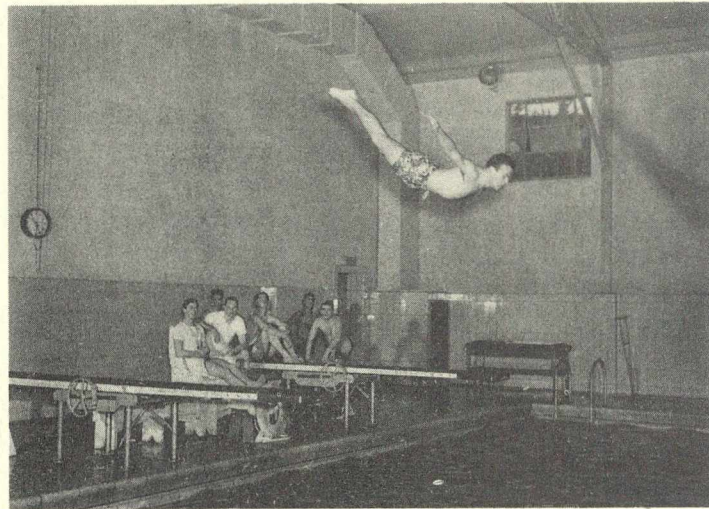
The gym or pool exercises are carried on at first under the direction of an instructor, but as soon as the patients are accustomed to the routine of the exercises, they are encouraged to carry on on their own, with a view to developing confidence and self-reliance.

Besides the remedial program at the gym, remedial work is also carried on in the wards, with ward calisthenics for bed patients who are unable to come to the gym at present.

Both indoor and outdoor sports are available to patients and duty personnel using the gym. On the indoor list are swimming, basketball, volley ball, badminton, medicine ball, ping pong, tumbling, wrestling, boxing, and general gymnastics, as well as a new type of tumbling, "The Trampoline," described as "something like diving on a mat." Classes in this new sport are now conducted every Wednesday evening in the gym from 6 to 8 p. m. Outdoor activities include tennis, golf and fishing.



PATIENTS AT THE LETTERMAN GYM
Play Volley Ball and Badminton as a part of the organized remedial program, and have fun besides.



A DIVE INTO THE LETTERMAN POOL
By Cpl. Joseph Devine, with S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey, the swimming program director, and a group of patients looking on.

There are two tennis courts near the gym, and instruction is furnished on request.

When the weather permits, a regular golf schedule is carried on. Five golf courses in the Bay Area admit patients free one day a week, and an instructor from Letterman goes with groups of patients to the various courses. The five courses are the Presidio, Harding Park, Lincoln Park, Lake Merced and Crystal Springs. Transportation is furnished to take patients to the golf course at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Monday through Friday. Golf clubs are furnished by the gym.

At the Fishing Shack at Crissy

Field, fishing tackle and bait are available and are furnished free to patients and duty personnel.

The gym is used by the detachment basketball team and the WAC basketball team for their games, by the Letterman weight-lifting team, and will be used by the officers' basketball team which is now in process of organization. Boxing and wrestling shows are also staged there.

The Amputee Section of Physical Therapy is at the gym, with three Physical Therapists on duty in the treatment room. Here the amputee patients are given exercises and treatment, and get instruction and

practice in the use of their prostheses. The three Physical Therapists on duty at present in the Amputee Section are Lieutenants Miriam Johnson, Dorothy Johnson and Leith Shaeffer.

At present a staff of 16 persons is assigned to the gym and pool to carry out the remedial and recreational program under the direction of Captain Wiggins.

James N. Liles, who is in charge of the Remedial Department, is also the golf instructor and gymnastics instructor. He was formerly at the gym as Sergeant Liles, and returned to his job as civilian after receiving his discharge.

Master Sergeant Carus S. Hicks is in charge of the administrative program for the gym and swimming pool. He also conducts the evening recreational program for duty personnel. First Sergeant James T. Meeks is responsible for the fishing program.

Staff Sergeant David L. Blackburn is ward supervisor in charge of the enlisted men who give exercises on the wards, and he also gives special exercises to paraplegic patients. Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Harvey is in charge of the enlisted men assigned to the swimming pool, and is responsible for administration of the swimming program. He supervises all swimming classes. Sergeant Willard H. Seals is assigned to the Remedial Room, and gives special exercises and tests.

Cpl. Franklin M. Gould conducts formal athletic classes and supervises competitive games. Cpl. Lloyd Schuneman and Cpl. Frank Franci conduct ward exercise classes for bed patients and for paraplegics.

Cpl. Joseph Devine is life guard at the pool and assistant instructor for swimming classes for beginners. Pvt. Robert W. Basinger acts as life guard and also gives hydrotherapeutic exercises and massage.

Cpl. Arthur D. Miller is in charge of the administrative program for Crissy Annex. Pfc. Harlow B. Swartout is responsible for carrying out the physical reconditioning program for patients of wards S-1 and S-2.

Pfc. Julius H. Waltuck takes care of the equipment room at the gym, and Pvt. Robert P. Kelly performs similar duties at the pool.

The swimming pool is open in the evenings to dependents of duty and patient personnel, and on Saturday mornings from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m., swimming classes are conducted for children.

Gym Activities Share Camera Spotlight With Promotions



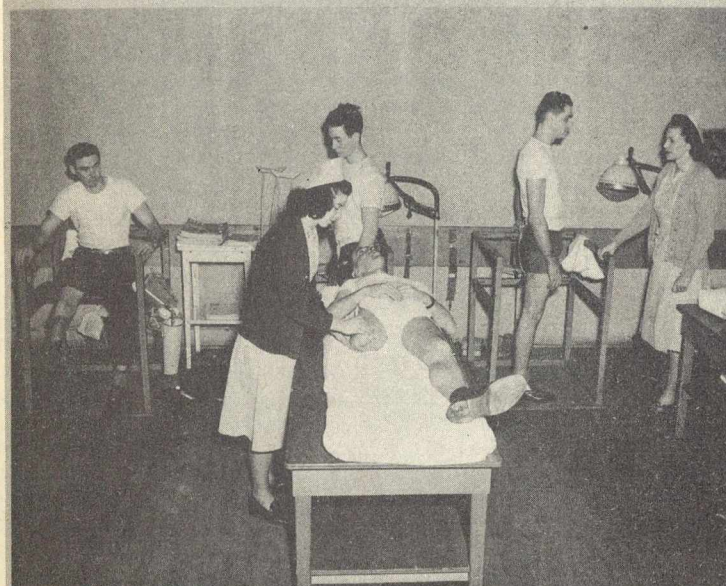
THEY GOT THEIR SILVER BARS

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, pins first lieutenant's bars on three dietitians. L to R: Capt. Helen McLane, Chief Dietitian, Maj. Earle Paxson, Adjutant, Col. Winn, Lt. Ann Malone, Lt. Frances Trocinsky, Lt. Mary Holke.



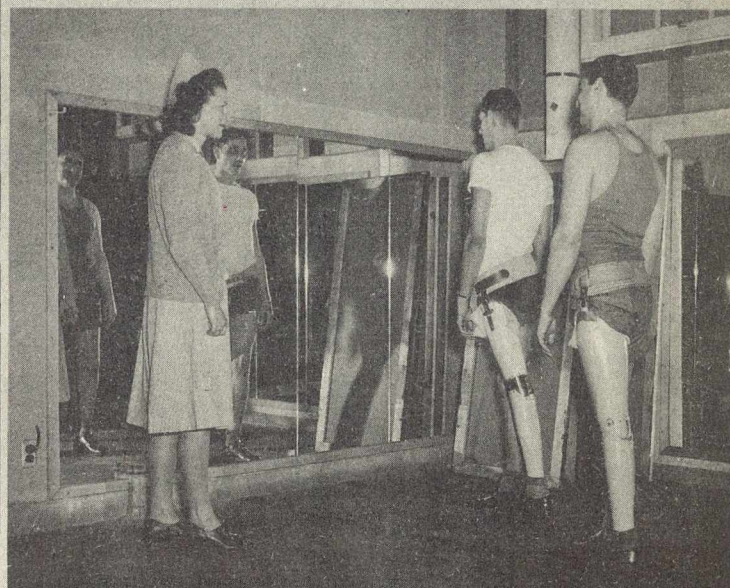
REMEDIAL ROOM AT THE GYM

Group of Orthopedic patients receiving treatment from James Liles, who is in charge of the Remedial program, and Sgt. Willard Seals. Patients, L to R: Elbert Griffin, ward 14; Armando Novello, ward 14; Donald Weaver, ward 8; Albert Etcheverry, ward C-55; Twain Slaughter, ward B-2; Ralph Swanson, ward C-55.



AMPUTEE SECTION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

At the gym. Dorothy Johnson, extreme right, is calling exercises for (L to R): James Redfield, Victor Carver, and George Tomlin, all of ward 41. Lt. Miriam Johnson is administering treatment to Jean Menke of Ward 42



LEARNING TO WALK AGAIN

Lt. Miriam Johnson of Physical Therapy instructs George Tomlin and Alphonso Tovar in the use of their prostheses in the Amputee Section at the gym

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EDITORIAL

BROTHERHOOD

Here are the Ten Commandments of Good Will, which set forth the purposes embodied in the American Brotherhood campaign. They were written by Walter W. Van Kirk, and might well be used by every sincere individual as a guide to successful and sympathetic human relations.

I—I will respect all men and women regardless of their race or religion.

II—I will protect and defend my neighbor and my neighbor's children against the ravages of racial or religious bigotry.

III—I will exemplify in my own life the spirit of goodwill and understanding.

IV—I will challenge the philosophy of racial superiority by whomsoever it may be proclaimed, whether they be kings, dictators or demagogues.

V—I will not be misled by the lying propaganda of those who seek to set race against race or nation against nation.

VI—I will refuse to support any organization that has for its purposes the spreading of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, or anti-Protestantism.

VII—I will establish comradeship with those who seek to exalt the spirit of love and reconciliation throughout the world.

VIII—I will attribute to those who differ from me the same degree of sincerity that I claim for myself.

IX—I will uphold the civil rights and religious liberties of



Congratulations on her promotion from Second to First Lieutenant to 1st Lt. Dorothy J. Firstenberger, ANC, who received her silver bars this week.

First Lt. Cecelia Cutstherope is on leave, and has gone to her home in Hays, Montana.

Valentine parties were the order of the week, with a Valentine dance Friday night at the Nurses Recreation Hall for the nurses and their friends, and the hall was specially decked with hearts for the occasion.

Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy gave a Valentine cocktail party Friday night in the Anza Room of the Presidio Officers' Club. Lieutenant Sandhoff called it a "hello and good-bye party"—to say hello to eight recent arrivals in P. T. and good-bye to one who is shortly to depart for overseas duty.

About the Physical Therapist who is going overseas: Orders have been received but it is not yet certain whether Lt. Aileen Lassee or Lt. Kay Driscoll will be the one to go. Destination will be Yokohama.

The former Lieutenant Rhoades, ANC, now the wife of Captain Allen Davies, is happy over getting her separation from the Army, and busy making plans for future homemaking.

First Lt. Lydia Dobaron, ANC, has returned from her leave, which she spent in Idaho, with reports of lots of snow and cold weather, but says it was fun anyway.

Lt. Mary Leahy, ANC, is going to Los Angeles and other southern points on a ten-day leave.

Lt. Frances DuPrez of Physical Therapy spent last week end at Donner Summit, and reports that she went mainly to watch. So she says, but one of these days she'll probably surprise people by turning up an expert skier.

all citizens and groups whether I agree with them or not.

X—I will do more than live and let live—I will live and help live.

WAC

Two new members have joined the WAC detachment recently, both re-enlistees. Helen Hicks is from Chicago, Ill., and Kitty Kelly hails from West Virginia. Helen has been assigned to ward G-1, and Kitty is working in X-ray. A hearty welcome to both the newcomers.

Rena Regas says she is dieting, but reports keep coming in that she is seen eating large hunks of cake each morning in the PX. Of course that's her main meal of the day?

Kay Coffin was certainly missed while she was on furlough, and it's nice to have her back again. She enjoyed herself in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. and in Chicago.

Toby Paglin said that if the WACs got a pool table she would personally carry it to the day room. However, luckily for her, they got a detail for the job.

People wonder why they don't see much of Dotty Bennett lately. She is now working at the Information Desk, so it may be she wants a little seclusion after answering questions all day.

Betty Grohosky has returned from her furlough in Ohio looking better than ever.

In addition to her work in Educational Reconditioning Hannah Goldberg teaches several typing classes a week, and she has the reputation of being a very patient teacher.

"Torp" must be waiting for some extra special mail these days. She dashes in every day on her lunch hour, coming all the way from Crissy Field to see what the postman brought her.

Mary Hart, who was in the orderly room at Letterman until she volunteered for overseas duty and went to Germany, has just been promoted from staff sergeant to 2d lieutenant. Congratulations to her from her friends here.

Although Dotty Letkiewicz is working all hours on ward S-1, she still finds time to play on the WAC basketball team, and they're mighty glad to have her.

Don't be deceived by that suitcase Vi Collings carries around with her. She's not going anywhere—that's the new portable radio-phonograph she bought as a gift for herself.

Charlotte Morrison spent a recent three-day pass in Palo Alto, and while there she investigated

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 16 February, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Amputees May Choose Either Free Car Or Farm Machinery

Amputee veterans of World War 11 may purchase trucks, tractors, riding plows or other farm machinery at a cost not to exceed \$1,600 in place of the automobile being provided for each by the Federal Government, Col. Thomas J. Cross, Veterans Administration deputy administrator, announced this week.

While more than 350 eligible veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii have already received automobiles through the VA, many who live on farms have expressed a desire for practical machinery rather than the passenger cars, it was pointed out. A decision by VA's central office has approved such purchases.

First veteran in this area to select a truck instead of a passenger vehicle was Harold Hannah, 234 Sunnyside drive, San Leandro. Hannah, who lost a leg in the war, purchased a milk truck and now operates a milk delivery route in San Leandro.

Under Public Law 663, veterans who lost a leg, or the use of a leg in World War II are entitled to an automobile costing no more than \$1,600.

Silver and gold are not the only coin; virtue too passes current all over the world.—Euripides.

the activities at the Allied Arts Center. She came back full of enthusiasm about the art-in-action she had seen.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOIS HENRY
First Sergeant

First Sergeant Lois Henry's middle name is Virginia, and just recently a fortune teller in Arizona told her that Virginia should be her first name—it would be luckier for her. She hasn't yet done anything about changing it, though, which shows she isn't superstitious. Besides, she can always answer to her nickname. She says she has several, but the one most often used is "Cookie."

Lois Virginia was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and lived there until she joined the Army in October 1943. Before becoming a WAC she was in the Medical Social Service office at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City.

She went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training, and was then assigned to Camp Upston, Long Island, New York, where she remained for nine months. Next stop was Eastview, N. Y., and there she was instructor at a school for non-coms. Following that she was assigned to Halloran General Hospital at Staten Island, and when that hospital closed she came to Letterman, arriving here last month. She is on duty in the Adjutant's office.

Her East Coast assignments gave her a chance to explore New York City, and she also went to Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and Washington, D. C. When "Cookie" came into the Army she requested assignment "to either coast," and as things turned out she got both of them. But she isn't through with wanting to travel, and would like to go to the European Theater next. She drove to San Francisco from New York, and stopped to see the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and spent a little time in Juarez, Mexico, on the way.

Roster of Medical Officers taking "Residence" courses at Letterman General Hospital under the post graduate training program inaugurated by The Surgeon General as a post war activity of the Medical Department of the Army.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Colonel Daniel J. Sheehan	0-20920	Resident
Major William C. Thalmann	0-24303	Resident

GENERAL SURGERY

Colonel George F. Peer	0-19638	Resident
Lt. Colonel Edward J. Doyle	0-22314	Resident
Lt. Colonel Thomas T. Beeler	0-23635	Resident
Colonel John K. Davis	0-20408	Asst. Resident
Lt. Colonel Donald E. Reiner	0-22281	Asst. Resident

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Lt. Colonel Sterling J. Ritchey	0-22771	Resident
Lt. Colonel Ralph E. Reiner	0-22284	Asst. Resident
Major Wright A. Gates	0-24338	Asst. Resident
Major Michael J. Hitchko	0-24390	Asst. Resident
Capt. Ben A. Rutledge	0-447593	Asst. Resident
1st Lt. Joseph V. Schetgen	0-1747322	Asst. Resident

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Lt. Colonel Harvey C. Boyd	0-22312	Asst. Resident
Lt. Colonel Bronko P. Lelich	0-23574	Asst. Resident

ANESTHESIA

Major Edward P. Shannon	0-25165	Asst. Resident
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OPHTHALMOLOGY & OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Lt. Colonel John W. Linfesty	0-21673	Asst. Resident
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OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Colonel Robert P. Rea	0-19326	Senior Resident
Lt. Colonel John Ficicchy, Jr.	0-24327	Resident

RADIOLOGY

Colonel Hyman R. Osheroff	0-21015	Asst. Resident
Colonel Colvin W. Salley	0-29205	Asst. Resident
Lt. Colonel Romeyn J. Healy	0-20918	Resident

NEUROPSYCHIATRY

Major Raymond B. Croissant	0-21734	Asst. Resident
Major Andrew C. Offutt	0-25143	Asst. Resident
Major Phillip B. Smith	0-30952	Asst. Resident
Captain Richard F. Mulholland	0-31124	Asst. Resident

PATHOLOGY

Lt. Colonel Robert L. Hullinghorst	0-22292	Senior Resident
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MIXED

Lt. Colonel Lawrence A. Bilotta	0-21716	Resident
Major Christian Gronbeck, Jr.	0-26470	Resident

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MARTIN HERNANDEZ
Sergeant

Sergeant Martin Hernandez, who is called and prefers to be called Marty, is also known around Letterman by a lengthier name, or rather, a title, which you might say he bestowed on himself. He is the founder of a fun-loving organization known as "Comes the Revolution," the aim of which he says is "not to further Uncle Joe's policies but to enable us to laugh at our troubles." Marty's title is "Generalissimo Mangling Marty Montana," and his General Staff is composed of detachment personnel and WACs who maintain a "drowning list" of unfortunate individuals who cross them up, as Marty puts it.

The military personnel who are honored by membership in the CTR are "high low class peasant serfs of good bad standing;" the civilians are "low high class peasant, etc.," which shows where the civilians rate.

The CTR issues Generalissimo's Regulations at the drop of a blotter, and these are highly colored reports of escapades of the members. Marty, excuse is, the Generalissimo, says that some of the GR's have been sent as far as Korea, Japan and China, to former Letterman members, and that they have been very successful in accomplishing their purpose—to make people laugh.

"We never do anything to hurt people," he explains. "Once we did throw a character into the Bay, but he didn't mind. He got out again."

Marty is assigned to the office of the Hospital Inspector, and it is reported that his activities as Generalissimo do not interfere with the efficient performance of his duties as sergeant.

He likes to fish, tinker with his fabulous Model A, build model airplanes and collect snapshots.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Signe Anderson of the ANC office is enjoying her newly acquired radio-phonograph. She has begun collecting old records and recently found some operatic records made by Amelita Galli-Curci, the famous Italian prima donna.

Helen Dietz, the Fog Horn's Civil Circles reporter, is now also a news photographer. She got some good pictures of the plane that crashed in Golden Gate Park on a recent Sunday, showing the plane, the crowd of spectators, and the uninjured pilot.

Gilbert Gray of Military Personnel reports that he spent the weekend slope doping at Soda Springs.

Virginia Smith is said to be anxiously awaiting the return of a very special friend from overseas.

Hilda Mansfield of the PX Grill is enjoying a two-week vacation from her arduous duties—just resting.

Virginia De Trana of Out-Patient Service had a rather bad time parting from a tooth last week, and was obliged to stay at home for a day after it was removed, but is now back on the job again.

Gloria Stockhausen Browne, formerly of Transportation, is about to leave for Florida, where her Navy husband is now stationed.

Ellen Bauer of Dental Clinic was enjoying herself in Vacaville over the week end.

Jack Goosby, a newcomer to Letterman, is working with Jean Rajala on the Retiring Boards.

Diana Carter has been home with the flue, and the flu-bug also attacked Gloria Crisafulli of Military Personnel.

Warren Conlin, after many moves, is now in the Civilian Personnel office—permanently, they hope.

New employees welcomed to Letterman recently include Clarice Wooten, Mary Fischer, Kenneth Blaugh, James Phifer and James Tatum.

Isobel Cannon has been spending her weekends "straw-bossing" her husband on a paint job at their home.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office got impulsive over the week end and cut bangs to make a new hairdo, causing her husband Ray to give her many a disapproving word and look. He liked her hair the way it was, without benefit of bangs. However, all is well now.

WHEN SHE FLASHES THAT SMILE THEY ALMOST FORGET TO TAKE THE MONEY



Miss ERMA SCHEID
Finance Officer Cashier

It's always a pleasure to get money, but when the one who presents it to you is the owner of a smile and dimples as engaging as those in the above picture, the pleasure is more than doubled. The possessor of the smile is Miss Erma Scheid, cashier in the Finance Office, and people like to find excuses to stop by and talk with her even when they're not expecting money.

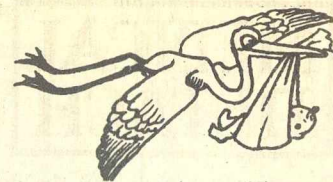
Erma, who came to Letterman and her present job last August, was formerly in the Finance Office at Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park. She lives with her parents in Palo Alto, and commutes daily with a friend who is in the Presidio Finance Office, Charlyn Lockwood. Erma and Charlyn would like to find an apartment in San Francisco, but so far have had no luck with their search.

Erma is a native of Minnesota, and was formerly a corporal in the Women's Marine Corps. She enlisted in 1943 and was stationed in Los Angeles in the Recruiting Office. Later she was sent to El Toro Marine Base, near Santa Ana, where she did statistical work. She didn't care much for the dust storms at

El Toro, and much preferred her Los Angeles assignment. However, San Francisco has now won out over L. A., and is currently her favorite city.

After she received her discharge from the Marine Corps, Erma and a girl friend started to drive to Tulsa, Okla. on a vacation trip. They stopped in Las Vegas to buy gas, and liked the look of the town so much that they remained to try out the various ways of getting rid of money for which Las Vegas is famous. Next they visited Zion National Park in Utah and the Grand Canyon in Arizona. As far as Erma was concerned, the Grand Canyon is vastly overrated, but she thinks her opinion may be due to the fact that she was so cold and uncomfortable during a trip into the canyon aboard a donkey.

After a stop in Tulsa, she went on to Minnesota, to the Twin Cities, and saw her first white Christmas in five years. Of that she says "I'll still take California." This in spite of the fact that she loves to ski and ice skate. On the way back she stopped in Houston, Texas, where it rained for seven days, thus failing to



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Nat Camper, a boy, **Marvin James**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 5 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Donald Goewey, a girl, **Anne Marie**, weight 8 pounds and 9½ ounces, born 6 February.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, a girl, **Janet Beatrice**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 7 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers, a boy, **Thomas Edward**, weight 7 pounds and ½ ounce, born 7 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George Fenema, a boy, **George Richard**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 9 February.

Use Special Envelopes for GI Insurance

Veterans Administration branch office in San Francisco urges all veterans mailing G.I. insurance premiums to use the yellow return envelopes provided with the premium notice.

Machinery to service the more than a million accounts in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii has been geared to fast handling of the special envelopes, whereas ordinary mail goes through routine mail channels, VA said.

Although some envelopes mailed from New York during decentralization operations carried a return address to New York, veterans are reminded that the new mailing address for policyholders in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii is 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5.

Why aren't you working?

The boss and I had a fight and he won't take back what he said.

What'd he say?

He said: You're fired.

recruit two potential converts to the Texas legend.

Erma likes the domestic arts—she enjoys experimenting with cooking, and tries something new almost every week end—and she likes to knit, and turns out sweaters and men's socks. She's also an ardent theater goer.

MEDICAL DETACH

Over the past week end the detachment basketball team took a trip to Fort Ord and brought back two victories, bringing the season's record up to 22 wins as against eight losses. Congratulations!

Compliments of the detachment to the "brains" behind the "Trail's End" western party held recently at the Letterman Club. It was a big success, with more than 400 in attendance, and detachment personnel are hoping for more of the same in the near future.

Pfc. Johnny Downs of Information Office is going to need a lot of sleep when he gets back from his 25-day furlough in Brooklyn, N. Y. Says he's only planning on devoting two of the 25 days to sleep, the rest will be spent, well—you can guess, can't you?

Pvt. Bill Palesch, formerly in the Registrar's office, has a new assignment. He's now in Lt. Col. Beswick's office. Someone was needed with experience as a draftsman, and Bill had the necessary experience. He is now busy making organization charts, and says he likes his new work very much.

Pvt. Gerald Zitzelberger of Information is off to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a 15-day furlough. When comes a furlough, even the prospect of all that mid-west cold weather doesn't stop the traveler, it seems.

Pfc. Gus Pawelke of Dental Clinic is a former B-24 pilot, and appointed flight officer in the AUS reserves. Gus knew when he received his discharge from the Army after the war ended that he wanted to become a dentist. So he is now in the Medical Department working as a dental technician, and keeping his goal in sight.

Seems that Pvt. Bruce Dryer of Information Office went to Los Angeles on a three-day pass, and believe it or not, didn't want to come back. Guess this makes him a traitor to S. F.

The furlough of T/5 Dick McCampbell of Dental Clinic was no ordinary furlough—it turned out to be a honeymoon furlough. Dick went home to Anderson, Indiana, and on February 7 he and Miss Doris Olek were married.

LT. COL. LESLIE D. SNYDER, AN OLD TIME LETTERMANITE, RETIRES



Lt. Col. LESLIE D. SNYDER
Former Director of Personnel at LGH

Wearing the silver leaves of his new rank, a Letterman old timer, Leslie D. Snyder, was a visitor here last week.

Back in November 1942 then Major Snyder reported for duty here and was appointed Director of Personnel for the command. He brought to that office many years of experience as an enlisted man and warrant officer in personnel affairs and it was a period in our existence when experience was needed.

Col. Snyder began his army career in World War I and remained to be a professional soldier. His advancement was rapid and at age 32 he was a master sergeant—one of the youngest men to ever reach that grade. He was appointed a warrant officer in 1938 and served as executive assistant to the Chief Surgeon for the Hawaiian Department. He was the man who poured oil on the troubled waters in those days immediately prior to the declaration of the state of emergency when we were trying to do with next to nothing.

Before coming to Letterman Col. Snyder was at headquarters of the 9th Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah, and the friends he left behind there were valuable assets in

his job as Director of Personnel here. In the struggle for manpower to carry on the Letterman mission Col. Snyder always managed to tap a source of assistance when additional help was urgently needed.

The colonel is an inveterate smoker—big black cigars—and once upon a time it was said that he took to pipe smoking to get away from the cheroots. It was alleged that he finally got down to one cigar a day but we have no corroborating testimony on that score. The trailing smoke in his wake made it a simple matter to locate him when he emerged from his office to make an on the spot inspection of a personnel problem and he was not to be deterred from his objective by a friendly "Have a cigar, Major?"

Colonel Snyder has been ordered to the retired list as the result of physical disability and he will make his home for the present in the Marina section of San Francisco. His proximity to the hospital will permit him to drop around frequently to chat with the many friends he has made during his four years of duty here.

And he will come in smoking a cigar or how would we recognize him?

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"The self-educated are marked by stubborn peculiarities"—from Isaac D'Israeli's LITERARY.

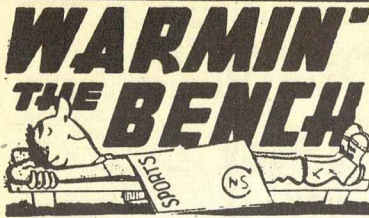
Although it is good to study alone, a well-chosen course of study suggested by a competent and "knowing" person is by far the better road to knowledge. That is why school systems and boards of education have been in progress as long as they have been—to aid the peoples in obtaining a better education.

Spring Classes at University Extension, 540 Powell Street—a new class series in Public Administration—are: Principles of Public Administration—Wednesday, 19 February, 7-9:30 p. m. (18 meetings); Fiscal Administration—Tuesday, 18 February, 6-8 p. m. (15 meetings); Advanced Personnel Classification—Monday, 17 February, 6-8 p. m. (15 meetings); Elements of Test Construction—Thursday, 20 February, 6:30-9 p. m. (12 meetings). These courses are designed as an introduction to the field of public administration. Additional courses will be announced later for the fall season.

The Golden Gate College announces the following classes in the School of Advertising: General Advertising, Advertising Campaigns and Media, Advertising Production, Advanced Copy Writing. Classes meet once a week from 7:00 to 9:10 p. m. for a period of 18 weeks—2½ units each—beginning 19 February.

If you're up on your Spanish you should know what the following menu, or La Carta, consists of: Cock-tail de Camarenes, Sepa de Pure de Chichares, Costilla de Ternera con papas fritas, Frijoles Refritos, Ensalada de Tomates y Aquacates, Sandia o Flan de Leche, Pan y Mantequilla, Cafe o Cerveza. Miss Frances Lillenthal is the Spanish teacher and may be contacted by stopping in the office or calling ext. 4403.

Did you know that the American Legion (California) has set up a fund whereby patients may take free of charge correspondence courses from the University of California Extension Division? The courses cover such fields as: Aeronautics, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Biology, Business Administration, Economics, Engineering, English, the Languages, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Psychology and Zoology. Apply for these courses in Bldg. No. 1039.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—The Great Purge is on in sports, or so it seems.

Publicity often makes much sound and fury for awhile, producing little in the way of tangible results when the tempest has subsided. Still this could be the real thing. Fearful lest an aroused public react aggressively to revelations of widespread gambling, bribery and associated evils, the big promoters are scurrying for membership in the Whitewashers' Union.

First it was the NCCA with its "Purity Code" to make good little boys of all the college athletes who might be tempted and whose interests ready to do the tempting. National Football League officials, stirred to action by an attempted "fix" scandal, next proclaimed a policy to keep shady characters on the outside looking in. Then the National and American leagues put major league players' dressing rooms, the dugouts and the umpire locker rooms "off limits" to bookmakers and bribers.

In all of these instances it could prove true that where there is a lot of smoke there may be enough fire to give the "hotfoot" treatment to undesirable elements. Certain it is that never in the history of sports has there been a stronger demand for corrective action. Remedial proposals are coming from a great many sources. Senators and Congressmen have suggested a number of laws. Other leaders have ventured the opinion that another Cabinet post might be created—a Secretary of Sports, with far-reaching power over all professional and amateur activities.

Out of all this hubbub may come a practical plan of co-operation between all agencies exercising authority and control over sports. Attainment of this goal will be hindered by the old law of supply and demand, that is, as long as there are those eager to lay bets there will be bookies ready to accommodate them. Such sharpsters have time to figure out ways and means of beating the law and they can make enforcement very costly and difficult indeed.

No C & C for B & D

Cash and Carry . . . \$50,000 each for toting the pigskin in professional football . . . definitely was ruled out for the most famous touchdown twins in gridiron history in what may prove to be one of the most significant sports decisions in recent years. After building up big names as three-time All-America team selections, Felix (Doc) Blanchard and Glenn

PATRIOTIC POLICY RE: NATIONAL MONUMENTS—THE PRESIDIO

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The danger is grave of having the Presidio of San Francisco ruined for the benefit of a few real estate promoters who are on the inside with the short-sighted and dim-witted politicians, who presently have the people and heritage of San Francisco in their power.

Compare this venal scheme to the intelligent work being done in New York City to restore the Battery to the appearance it had in Revolutionary Days. The land in and around the Battery is extremely valuable, but there is enough enlightenment in New York to prefer patriotism to easy money and quick profits, when it comes to the care of a national monument.

Philadelphia has under way, supported by the United States Government, a project to clear a concourse north of Independence Hall so that the shrine of American liberties may be approached in beauty and with reverence. The Presidio of San Francisco was established the same year—1776—that the Declaration of Independence was signed at Fourth and Walnut streets in Philadelphia. Any civilized person with a decent sense of historical values knows that The Presidio should not be ruined by the jerry builders, but enhanced for the benefit of all the people all the time.

The serious, responsible, and thinking people of San Francisco feel increasing confidence that Sec-

retary of War Patterson will make the long-range view prevail in the matter of the National Monument of the San Francisco Presidio. He will not want his name entangled in history with those of a lot of cheap promoters.

It would be a crime to take one foot of the Presidio, of the golf links running up to the Palace of the Legion of Honor, which forms the white crown of the precious greenery sweeping all the way along the shore, from the Palace of Fine Arts built during the 1915 World's Fair to the bluffs overlooking the Golden Gate and the Marin hills.

The influence on the citizens of San Francisco, who look down on the eucalyptus trees and the neat, substantial brick homes of the Army officers of the Presidio, makes this city perpetually a friend of the Army as it is of the Navy. The Secretary of War surely will not jeopardize this asset in a perpetual good public relationship to satisfy a temporary demand for housing, which had best be settled on a sound basis supplemented with modern transportation.

If the great brains in our City Hall would take a walk once in a while through the depressed district, now inhabited by an underworld, they would find plenty of room for modern housing. The old can be destroyed and modern apartment projects can be built. It is not at all necessary to invade the historical Presidio.

Soon thereafter the touchdown twins made this announcement:

"At no time have we entertained thought of abandoning our careers in the Army. We had no thought of resigning when we applied for a furlough. Football was, and is, incidental to our Army careers. The incident is closed and our Army careers go on as originally planned."

MORE ABOUT BROTHERHOOD WEEK

mending nationwide observance of American Brotherhood Week, February 16-23, 1947. I hope that our citizens will meet in church and schoolhouse, in halls and public places to affirm anew the principles upon which the realization of brotherhood depends and to strengthen the bonds that hold us together as we face the demanding tasks to which destiny summons us."

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Veterans Administration is asking former servicemen and women who want their National Service Life Insurance paid off in a lump sum in event of death, or wish to change their insurance beneficiaries, to let VA know about it.

W. H. Woolf Jr., Northern California Insurance chief, pointed out this week that beneficiaries will be paid on the usual monthly installment basis unless insured veterans make their wishes known to VA.

Veterans should also keep their beneficiary names up to date, Woolf said. If an insured veteran is not survived by his designated beneficiaries, the proceeds of his insurance will be paid in a single sum to his estate.

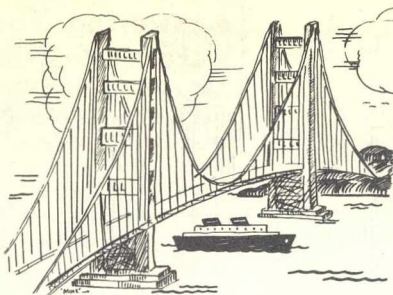
As part of an estate, insurance loses its identity as such and is subject to all laws governing estates, including claims of creditors, administrators fees and court expenses.

In any event, the veteran who fails to designate first and contingent beneficiaries and keep the names and addresses up to date, might expose his dependents to the unnecessary risk of expense and delay, Woolf emphasized.

Veterans can indicate the type of payments they wish their beneficiaries to receive by visiting their local VA contact office and filling out a simple form. If it is not convenient to visit a VA office, a letter outlining the wishes of the insured, and signed by the insured, will take the place of the form. Such letters should include the full name, address and policy number of the insured, and be mailed to Veterans Administration, Insurance Service, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5.

Question: "I would like to take a flight training course under the GI Bill. Will my education eligibility time be used up faster than if I take the usual college course?"

Answer: Yes. The amount VA will pay for tuition and other charges is figured on the basis of \$500 per ordinary school year over the period of your eligibility. Flight training is usually an intensive course which costs more. The cost is prorated accordingly. For example, if you use \$500 in six months for flight training, you will have used a year of your eligibility time.



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Secretary Marshall Discusses Problems Of Disarmament

(CNS)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall laid U. S. Foreign policy before the world when he told a press conference in the nation's Capitol that real disarmament cannot be accomplished until the international control of atomic energy and the great issues of peace-making have been solved.

In his first news conference since he took command of the Ship of State, the former Army chief of staff said that the U. S. would not repeat the experience of 1921 by being the only nation to scrap its battleships.

Thus Sec. Marshall indirectly came out in favor of universal (military) training or some form of the draft and intimated that U. S. foreign policy would be supported with positive military power.

Touching on the disarmament question, Sec. Marshall stated that international control of atomic energy with effective safeguards is of first importance. He added that mankind can never feel secure as long as this destructive force remains uncontrolled.

He concluded his statement on disarmament by stressing that disarmament cannot be solved on an emotional basis. This time it has to be on a practical foundation.

Sec. Marshall endorsed the policy of Pres. Truman and former Secretary of State Byrnes on U. S. participation in the United Nations.

He explained that he would seek to make the influence of this nation felt by doing all possible "to strengthen and perfect the United Nations as an instrument for the discussion of international problems and the maintenance of international peace.

This, he declared, will involve "taking a full and active part in the



Lieut. Colonel JAMES T. MCGIBONY, M.C.
Until recently Chief of the Hospitalization Division, Office of the Surgeon General, who visited Letterman this week en route to his new station at the New Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu.

working out of peace settlements which will form a lasting basis upon which the United Nations can perform its functions."

Regarding the coming Moscow conference, he said that he must refuse to answer questions concerning it because he was still in the study stage regarding it himself.

Clearing up certain misunderstandings which he said had developed in the public mind over troop withdrawals from China, Sec. Marshall stated U. S. Marines would be withdrawn from China except for

a few who would remain at the Naval base at Tsingtao. He stressed the fact that there were only a relatively few Marines garrisoned in China.

In an informal conference following his foreign policy statement, he said he favored the State Department's policy of broadcasting news and informational programs abroad. He considered this essential for a year or two "so that the United States could cover the earth with the unadulterated truth in the midst of a riot of propaganda."

Candidates for West Point to Undergo Examinations Here

Approximately 100 candidates for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point will assemble at Letterman General Hospital on 4 March to undergo the physical examination required by existing law.

A board of 12 officers, of which Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, M. C., will be president, will conduct the examination. A new feature for this session will be a physical aptitude examination under the direction of Major Andre R. Brousseau, AAF, of the West Point Academic staff. One hour will be devoted to this part of the program, which will be comprised of a series of tests involving such activities as running, jumping, throwing, climbing, dodging, pushing and pulling, and which will be held immediately after the completion of the other required examinations.

Non-competitive candidates who have qualified previously on written examinations and have been so informed by the Academic Board that they are academically qualified will be exempt from further mental examination on presentation of official notification to that effect from the Academic Board.

It is expected that the series of examinations should be completed in the period from 4 to 14 March and the candidates will be housed in Building 55 at the Presidio of San Francisco with convenient messing arrangements.

Prior to the recent war annual examinations of West Point candidates were held at Letterman and resumption this year is another activity in the peace time role of this hospital in addition to the care of the sick and wounded at all times.

Use Soldiers' Deposits Plan for Systematic Savings

A number of the patients and duty personnel at Letterman take advantage of the Soldiers' Deposit method of putting their savings to work. Soldiers' Deposits, available only to enlisted military personnel, pays four per cent interest per annum, and there is no top limit to the amount which can be deposited.

It is an Army savings plan which provides that any amount of money in even dollars, but not less than \$5.00, may be deposited and the 4 per cent interest accrues from the first day of deposit. If the money is withdrawn prior to six months from the date of deposit, the interest will not be paid to the depositor, but interest is payable if the money is left on deposit for a longer period.

This method of saving money has the decided advantage of the high interest rate. At present, regulations require that permission be obtained in order to make a withdrawal, but as the plan operates here at Letterman, the withdrawal can be made in 24 hours after the request is put in.

It is a simple matter to open a Soldiers' Deposit account. The Finance Office issues a Soldiers' Deposit book in which each deposit is recorded. The depositor goes to the Service Record Section, where a record is made of the amount deposited, and he then has his deposit entered at the Finance Office. This method is for cash deposits.

Another way of using Soldiers' Deposits is by arranging to have a monthly payroll deduction made and deposited in the account. This plan makes methodical savings simpler. If this method is used, additional cash deposits may also be made at any time desired.

Soldiers' Deposits are specifically exempt from liability in all claims of indebtedness, including U. S. Government claims. In the event of death deposits to the credit of a soldier, with accrued interest, will be payable to the soldiers' legal heirs.

During the war, participation in Soldiers' Deposits rose from one million dollars a month to a high of over twenty million a month.

A review of the potential growth of savings through the use of Soldiers' Deposits has been made by CWO Paul B. Nuzum, agent Finance Officer at Key West Barracks, Florida. He points out some startling totals that can be amassed by using this method of savings. Excerpts from his review follow:



HIS MONEY WILL EARN FOUR PER CENT
Cpl. Harold R. Kubik of Greenfield, California, patient on Ward 144, puts his cash to work earning 4% interest in Soldiers' Deposits. Miss Pat Mockbee of Service Record Section is making out the form for his deposit.

"Utilizing the Army's Soldiers' Deposit system, under present pay rates, it is within the reach of every man coming in the Army today to retire within 21 years with a pension of over \$100 per month and a savings of around \$15,000, without stinting or depriving himself in any way.

"For instance: If you deposit \$25 every payday for an entire three-year enlistment, you will have an accumulated savings of \$951.25. Now suppose you decided to make the Army a career, and you deposited your \$150 re-enlistment allowance, and kept up your regular \$25 a month habit of deposit, when you reached the end of your seventh enlistment (retirement time) you would have saved \$10,960.48.

"Some men will say, 'What chance has a private got to save anything?' If a man never got beyond the grade of private, but he deposited \$25 a month plus all his re-enlistment allowances and all his longevity increases, he could retire at the end of 21 years, with \$14,633.47, and still have \$50 every month.

"That estimate shows what a man who never advanced beyond the

grade of private could save without stinting himself. No man has ever remained a private for 21 years; anyone who applies himself will be promoted in time. A great number of men, however, get married, and as promotion and longevity increases come along, the family need will take up most of these increases.

"But considering the average life of the average serviceman, it is reasonable to assume that he can set for himself a savings program beginning with \$25 a month for his first enlistment, and he should be able to increase his savings \$5.00 per month every enlistment. Such a plan, together with saving the re-enlistment allowance, amounts to \$15,857.86 in 21 years. This means saving \$25 a month during the first enlistment, \$30 a month during the second, and increasing \$5.00 a month during successive enlistments, until during the seventh and final enlistment \$55 a month is being deposited.

"How many people do you know personally who are retired at ages between 40 and 50 years old and who have a lifelong income of over \$100 a month and \$15,000 cash in the bank?"

Letterman Pun Fun!

I PEEERed down the cold corridor (no HHEAT-ON!) turning a RICH GREENN and FEARING the worst, ready t to sing my SWANSONg. I was sure I'd be THROWELled to the LYONSIS if I didn't find those orders!

Woee is me—OFFUTT a fool I am! The buus was there at the GATES to HOLLCCOWAY the men. They had their ! PAXSON, a SHINE on their shoes; ready to SALLEY out, and I couldrin't find the transportation paperss. I was sure SCIARRAed. It wouldd probably be a SCHETGEN at dawn i for me!

I BBLAIRer out in my BERRY loudesst voice, "MAC, KENNA ye find t them?"

Andd Mac answered ERNSTly, "No! It's LITTERALLY true, the PFEILL is missing!"

So-to-o-o-o-o-

Theey rang the BELL on me. And here I TARO in the guard house. The !MOORE I think about it, the WELLLER I'm convinced that—you can't t WINN!!!

—Al Ergie

Around and About the Letterman Scene With The Camera



VALENTINE GIFTS

For Letterman patients -- books, magazines and soap -- from the pupils of Miss Rebecca Melner's room at Parkside School, San Francisco. Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click accepts the gifts from (L to R) David Brown, Frances Emery and Alfred Glosser.



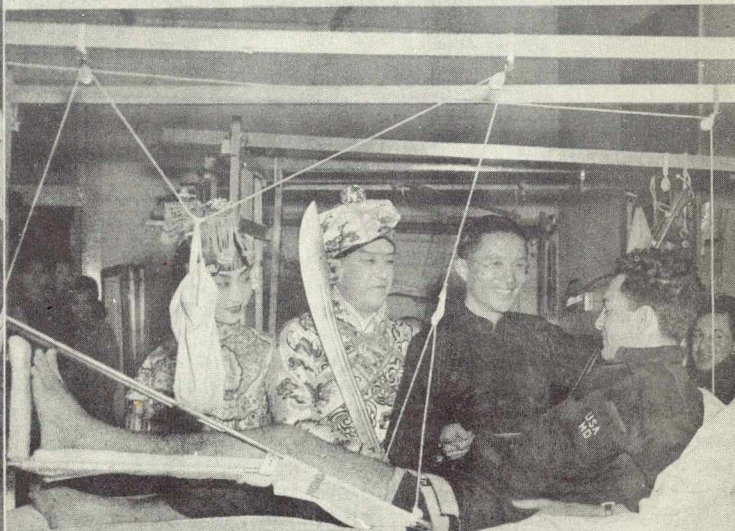
PROMOTIONS

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, pins silver bars (double) on Capt. Paul Kirch, Jr., and (single) on 1st Lt. Dorothy J. Firstenberger, ANC. Looking on is Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse.



CHINESE CULTURAL THEATRE GROUP

Recently arrived from China, entertain the patients on ward 31 with excerpts from their current production "An Evening in Cathay." Above, the musicians are playing the Chinese musical instruments--the Pi-Pa, the Erh Hu, the Ceremonial Flute, and the Yang-Ching.



SWORD-DANCERS

of the Chinese Theatre Group show their weapons to George F. Moreno of ward 31. L to R: Gardenia Chang, Ju Chien-lee and Hahn Chen-kyu.

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EDITORIAL

WASHINGTON

When the nation observes the birthday of George Washington each year on February 22, the old phrases come to mind: "Father of his country," and "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." When a man is thus revered as a public hero, he becomes something of a legendary figure, one whose human qualities tend to become obscured by the mists of time.

It is sometimes forgotten that he was a man, beset by all the doubts, vexations and difficulties that are the lot of every man. It has been said of him that his life represents that great American possibility: the triumph of the ordinary man.

He came from an ordinary family; possessed only ordinary ability; had only a modicum of opportunity. His virtues were such as may be cultivated by the ordinary man. But because he took advantage of his opportunities, fought and conquered his difficulties, and created success from them, he has earned a distinguished place among the great men of the world.

In his own time Washington, like other great men, was subjected to criticism. But his trait of fortitude, his belief that "defeat is only a reason for exertion," enabled him to triumph over these adverse circumstances.

Edward Everett, American



Congratulations go this week to three members of the Army Nurse Corps who received their promotions from second to first lieutenant: First Lts. Helen Sutliff, Kathryn, E. Taylor and Betty L. Tuhovak.

The Valentine cocktail party given last Friday at the Presidio Officers' Club by 1st Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy was a big success, and had as a special feature Valentine Day promotions to first lieutenants for three of the P. T. staff—1st Lts. Gertrude L. Shaffer, Leah Crawford and Dorothy Glidden. The silver bars were pinned on by Captain Vida Buehler. The other guests at the party were: Major Phil Dietz, 1st Lts. Knute Neilsen, Ruth Campbell, Edith Dumond, Mary Paine, Miriam Johnson, Judie Blue; 2d Lts. Dorothy Johnson, Champe Philips, Aileen Lasse, Mary Driscoll, Marjory Ferrell, Florence Lane, Emily Mueller, M. Dennie Kuntz, Miss Connie Kerr and Mrs. Mary McFadden. T/4 Rena Regas assisted the hostess in serving.

Mary Maud Maslin, who was Capt. Maslin, ANC, when she received her Army discharge at Letterman last year, is now at Permanente Hospital in Oakland, on duty in Surgery.

Welcome to a new arrival at Letterman—1st Lt. Elizabeth V. Hobbs, ANC, who came from Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas.

Skiing is the popular pastime-of-the-moment with the Physical Therapists, with Lt. Dorothy Glidden planning on a skiing week end at Donner Summit, and Lt. Miriam Johnson going to Salt Lake City to visit friends and ski.

statesman, said of him: "The character, the counsels, and example of our Washington . . . will guide us through the doubts and difficulties that beset us; they will guide our children and our children's children in the paths of prosperity and peace, while America shall hold her place in the family of nations."

WAC

Eileen Kolden, who became Mrs. Richard E. Venters on January 14 in Reno, is back from a 30-day furlough and the Venters' are making their home here in San Francisco. They honeymooned in Reno and Los Angeles. Eileen's husband was formerly Sergeant Venters, but is now known as Mr. Venters, having received his discharge.

The pool sharks in the detachment are Gerry Price, Ginny Hill, Lee Witkowski and "Charley" Morrison. However, Rose Ruscak will soon be on that list, because she is really learning, but fast!

That happy look on the face of Ruth Lutz—the look appeared last Saturday—is due to the fact that her fiancé is now a patient at Letterman instead of at Madigan General Hospital. He arrived Saturday.

After having been confined to the hospital for several months, Ethel Lee has returned to duty with renewed pep. Ethel enjoys playing the piano, and the detachment members certainly enjoy listening because she plays so well.

Ruby McAttee is Chicago-bound on furlough.

Those fragrant roses in barracks 212 were a Valentine gift to Beatrice Torpy.

If Leola Huffman continues to receive the steady stream of letters she has been getting lately, there may be a need for more personnel just to take care of her mail.

What with working in Record Section and taking time to explore San Francisco, Stella Watras is seldom seen around the post, but people talk about her in her absence. Nothing to worry about though; they're saying what a nice person she is.

The local WAC ping pong champ is Dotty Letkiewicz. Since the ping pong table has been in the day room Dotty has yet to be defeated, but Helen Hicks is a close second.

And speaking of ping pong, the special thanks of the detachment go to Special Services for supplying the table for the game.

Did you know that a total of 140,001 WACs wore the uniform of the Women's Army Corps, and every WAC who sees this official figure can be sure that she is that one who brought the figure over the one hundred forty thousand mark? V-J Day is the date when the highest number were on active duty—100,000.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 23 February, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1900.

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

How DO You Pronounce It?

I dialed 3149,
And when I got the line,
They thought that I was ailing
When I asked for Major Failing.

I dialed it once again,
And confidently then,
I said that I was calling
To speak with Major Failing.

No Luck! I shook my head
And thought, how nice instead
Of being name-encumbered,
'Twould be if we were numbered.

To prepare yourselves for the times you live in, you must look over the whole world to find your allies in building a world of equality of opportunity for all classes and all races, for the greater part of mankind will be happiest in a democratic society. But do not hope to have your democracy in far places, or worth fighting for elsewhere, if in your own house, own schools, own factories and shops, in our country and city, you do not find the slogans and spirit and the daily practice of helping each other and keeping your eyes open to know and guard not only your own advantage, but the common interests of mankind in justice and peace. Remember to rejoice and be happy over your blessings. Hold fast to your ideals. Lift up your eyes to the hills and realize that "Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY D. LETKIEWICZ
Technician Fourth Grade

Although she rejoices in the lengthy name of Mary Dorothy Letkiewicz, she's glad to settle for Dottie, which neatly disposes of a lot of those extra syllables, and also suits her personality very well.

Dottie was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, grew up and went to school there, and after the war began she worked as a nurse's aide. Interest in this work led her to join the WAC, which she did in August 1945, in Pittsburgh. She then went to Des Moines for her basic training, after which she was stationed at Camp Cooke, California, and received training as a medical technician. She was at Camp Cooke for six months.

In March 1946 she was transferred to Letterman, and assigned to duty on ward C-1. This lasted only a few weeks, because Dottie had a furlough coming up, and in May she took off for a vacation at home, which she enjoyed very much. When she returned she was assigned to ward S-1, where she says she finds her work very interesting.

She likes the WAC and particularly likes hospital work, so much, in fact, that she says her plans for the future include becoming a nurse.

Dottie is fond of sports, and likes bowling, basketball and ping-pong. She also enjoys dancing and roller-skating. She is a member of the WAC basketball team, and this week is being congratulated as WAC ping-pong champ.

Much as she likes California, Dottie says there is one thing she has missed since she's been in San Francisco—snow. All she'll have to do to remedy this is take a trip to the mountains, and then maybe she'll add skiing to that list of favorite sports.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Camp Newspaper Service

High ranking officers of the War Department are working out a career system for enlisted men designed to speed the number of promotions to higher enlisted and warrant grades.

Exact details of the new proposals are not yet known. Copies of the suggested career scheme have been approved, however, by five specially selected non-commissioned officers, and now are before other Army staff members as well as commanding generals of the Army Air and Ground Forces.

The plan tentatively calls for increased use of warrant officers and first three grade men. The proposed scheme will permit soldiers in the first three grades to serve without the necessity of re-enlisting until they desire to resign or retire.

The Budget Bureau has approved about one additional first grader for each 100 men in the Army, or 10,000 additional for the million-man postwar establishment. The career proposal also calls for promotions to be made competitively on an Army area basis.

In the meantime, promotions to the first two enlisted grades and appointments to warrant grades have been suspended pending final adoption of the new career scheme.

The muddle created by the Jan. 1 Army Regulation dealing with expert and combat infantryman badge pay has been cleared up by War Department Circular 16.

Paragraph four of the regulation states that "an enlisted man is a member of the combat ground forces only if assigned to one of the following groups: Infantry, the 5th, 7th, 8th, 12th Cavalry regiments of the 1st Cavalry Division, and certain Constabulary units. . . ."

The new circular explains that "assign" is not to be interpreted too narrowly—that badge pay will continue while soldier's basic branch remains Infantry.

Accordingly, "any enlisted man who has been awarded the combat or expert infantryman badge and whose right to wear the badge has not been revoked is considered as being assigned to the Infantry within the meaning . . . of AR 35-1510 . . . effective Jan. 1, 1947, except:

"1. Those individuals who have been transferred to a basic branch other than Infantry.

"2. Those individuals who have enlisted or re-enlisted subsequent to award of the badge in a basic branch other than Infantry."

The circular adds that the term assigned is not limited to assignment to an Infantry unit or organization but includes assignment to Infantry as a basic branch either

by enlistment therein for three years or by transfer thereto by competent authority.

The House Armed Services legal subcommittee plans to begin work shortly on revision of the Articles of War and the Manual for Courts Martial.

Now ready for submission to the House Armed Services Committee are bills providing more inducements to doctors to serve in the Army; calling for increased ROTC benefits; creating a permanent Transportation Corps and Corps of Military Police; and co-ordinating the Army and Navy under a Secretary of National Defense.

The Navy Department is "pushing" legislation which would extend payment of dependents' allowances to six months after the official end of the war or until July 1, 1949, whichever is later.

It was pointed out that the present law, amended by the Armed Forces Recruitment Act (Oct. 6, 1945) discriminates between men who enlisted before July 1, 1946, and those who enlisted after that date.

The Senate Armed Services Committee received 1,864 nominations for appointment in the Regular Army and confirmed 830 similar appointments made during the last recess.

Strange but true: Veterans Administrator Omar N. Bradley has abolished the post of advisor on women's affairs. He says that lady veterans haven't turned out to be the problem he expected.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ANDREW T. BAIER
Corporal

You might say that the printed word is the primary thing with Corporal Andrew Baier. Reading it is his favorite pastime, and working with it was his civilian occupation. He became interested in printing when he was in high school, and took the subject as a vocational course. After his graduation he worked as a printer in the composing room of a Chicago printing establishment.

Corporal Baier's home is in Cicero, Illinois, suburb of Chicago. He came into the Army last March, and was inducted at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, after which he was sent immediately to Letterman. He is now assigned as orderly to the commanding officer, Col. Dean F. Winn.

As mentioned above, Andrew likes to read, and as a reader he's a book buyer, not a book borrower. He belongs to the Book-of-the-Month Club, keeps up with current publications through his reading of the weekly Saturday Review of Literature and says he haunts the local bookstores to find more books to buy. His favorite type of reading is biography, and he has recently enjoyed Zweig's biography of Balzac, and followed that up by reading some of Balzac's novels. He is now reading John Hersey's "Hiroshima."

Could be that all his browsing in bookstores has had some influence on his plans for the future, because what he wants to do when he returns to civilian life is—open a bookstore. He also has writing ambitions, but says he hasn't done a great deal about those yet.

He enjoys music and the theater, and has attended many concerts and plays since he's been in San Francisco.

Camera Queen



Lovely brown-haired Donna Quigley has been named Queen of greater Miami Press Photographers' Ball. Come to think of it, she is very photogenic.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Maggie Trumpour of Finance Office managed to get in a lot of her favorite sports activities over the week end. She went horseback riding, skating and swimming.

Alice Torgerson of Finance is as full of enthusiasm as the critics for Gertrude Lawrence's performance in Shaw's play "Pygmalion."

Her co-workers said a reluctant farewell last week to Geraldine LaVelle when she resigned. Geraldine had been in Dietetics Branch since 1941 and had made many friends here who were very sorry to see her leave.

Welcome to Lorraine Givens, new employee in the Laundry.

Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel is attending a two-week course for Classification Analysts.

Marjorie Hecht of the Information Office is regaling her friends with an account of the elaborate wedding she attended last week in Redwood City. She says it was really "out of this world," which may mean that Marjorie finds it a little difficult to come back to earth after the fun she had at the reception.

James Balderston of Provost Marshal's office recently resigned, and Ruth Cobelli of Registrar's office resigned also. Ruth is going to work for the Bank of America.

Sorry that due to a typographical error Jackieline (Jackie) Goosby of the Registrar's Office was called "Jack" in last week's issue.

Having the afternoon off Monday was no fun for Mary Bensen. She had a lot of work to get out of the way, and was about to start on it after lunch when she dropped her glasses on her desk glass. When glasses met glass there was a casualty—one pair of glasses. Tuesday she was wearing a pair "from high school days," and getting the work done in spite of the handicap.

When Alice Thompson of the Main PX was visiting her daughter at Catalina recently they lunched at the home of a Hollywood friend who lives in the former home of Richard Dix. It is very elaborate and has 24 rooms, and Alice says she thoroughly enjoyed seeing it.

You don't have to go to sleep with a lighted cigarette in your hand to get burned while at home, and Olga Eilers of Separation Section found that out last week when she was getting a nice tan under her new

SHE CROSSED THE CONTINENT TO COME TO LGH AND IS GLAD OF IT



Captain LOUCELLE P. OLSEN, ANC
Her speciality is Psychiatric Nursing

Don't be deceived by the spelling of Captain Olsen's first name—though it's spelled Loucelle to rhyme with belle, it's pronounced Lucille to rhyme with real. And real is the word for the quality of Captain Olsen's admiration for San Francisco, which she calls the "amazing city built on hills." The amazement is due to the fact that she is from a part of the country where cities are not built on hills—she was born in Wisconsin.

"Ever since I can remember I wanted to be a nurse," she says. "I come from a family of school teachers, and I wanted something completely different." After completing her nurse's training at Milwaukee General Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, she went to New York Hospital at Cornell Medical Center, New York City, for post-graduate work in psychiatric nursing. She liked New York and lived and worked there from 1937 until she came into the Army in July 1944.

Captain Olsen was assigned to duty at Mason General Hospital, Long Island. "This assignment pleases sun lamp. She went to sleep under the lamp, and when she woke up was her face red!

me very much, because Mason was a leading psychiatric center, and I was anxious to continue my work in that field. I was first on duty in the wards, and later was in the Chief Nurse's office, where my duties combined administrative work and psychiatric supervising." She feels that her Army career has been very gratifying.

When Mason closed in December, Captain Olsen requested assignment to Letterman. She arrived here in January. "I'm very glad to be here," she says, "everyone has been so friendly. Also this is my first time on a regular Army post, and I like that part of it too." She has been assigned to ward S-1, where she is at present on night duty.

She had a delay en route, and visited at her home in Wisconsin. She admits to being a bit lonesome for New York, but expects that to wear off. Several of her former co-workers from Mason General are now here at Letterman, so they have a chance to reminisce about their experiences there.

For her leisure hours she has such diversified interests as horseback riding, the theatre, dancing, and doing needlepoint. She recently saw Gertrude Lawrence in "Pygmalion" and thoroughly enjoyed it.



To Captain and Mrs. Albert Barlow, a boy, **Donald Dale**, weight 7 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 12 February.

To Major and Mrs. Elton Winstead, a girl, **Sue**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 14 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Donald Wolfe, a boy, **John Gibson**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 14 February.

To Lt. and Mrs. Walter Seeschaaf, a girl, **Jessica Bell**, born 15 February.

Girls' Basketball

The Letterman Girls' Basketball Team has been entered in the San Francisco Recreation Department's Basketball (Girls' and Women's) League Tournament. The games started Monday night, 17 February, and will continue for eight weeks. Our girls are scheduled to play on the following nights at the Everett Junior High School Gymnasium, 16th & Church Sts.: Monday, 24 Feb., 8:20; 3 Mar., 7:20; 10 Mar., 8:20; 19 Mar., 8:20; 24 Mar., 8:20; 2 Apr., 8:20; 7 Apr., 8:20.

The other teams in the League are: Young Christian Workers (Y.C.W.), Sparks, St. Cecelia's, Coeds, Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.), S. F. Girls' Club, The Morocco's, and Letterman WAC's.

Let's give the girls some moral support by attending these games. Transportation will leave from the LGH Gym on the designated nights—see your bulletin board for the time of departure.

Good luck in the tournament to the LGH team!

She: "I'm living in a dormitory while I'm at college."

He: "A what?"

She: "A dormitory. Surely you know what a dormitory is. What did you sleep in while you were in the Army?"

He: "My underwear."

Stopping at the Spa one night we ordered a chicken dinner. After waiting an hour we asked the waiter just where the heck it was. His reply, if we remember correctly, was:

"It'll be along soon—the cook hasn't killed it yet, but he's getting in some nasty blows."

MEDICAL DETACH

Is everybody set for the detachment Bingo Party next Tuesday evening, 25 February? The committee promises prizes to the winning bingo players worth \$200. First prize will be dinner for two at the Copacabana; "we'll pick up the check for \$25," is the word from the committee in charge of arrangements for the party. Other prizes will be tickets for two to "Pygmalion" and to "Henry V," and there will also be costume jewelry among the prizes. On the committee are Sgt. Bob Bisbee, S/Sgt. Rolf Berliner, S/Sgt. Albert Vendouris, Pfc. Richard Wilson and Pfc. Kenneth Dick.

Roller-skating has suddenly become one of the more popular diversions among the detachment members. Once a week Pfc. William Martin, Cpl. Irwin Thomas, Pfc. Robert Alig and his wife Pearl, and Helen Smith of the Detachment of Patients office go to Skateland at the beach for an evening on wheels, then to Helen's house for a bacon-and-egg supper.

Bill Palesch, who is in Colonel Beswick's office, and Bobb Hagest, Ralph Janowski and Allen Freeman also enjoy roller-skating at Skateland. Bill's other hobby is exploring San Francisco—from the Oriental Tea Gardens in Golden Gate Park to the waterfront.

Then there's ice-skating at Winterland. D. Tyler of the Record Room put on ice skates there one evening this week, and it was his first time on the blades. His friends kept telling him to be careful not to fall, because six feet in a horizontal position takes up too much skating space on the ice.

Charles Floyd of the Record Room has photography as a spare-time hobby. He takes the pictures, develops and prints them.

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes of the Detachment of Patients office is never seen without a cigar, according to report. Must be a problem at meal time.

The stranger laid down four aces and scooped in the pot.

"This game ain't on the level," objected Sagebrush Sam, at the same time producing a gun to support his contention. "That ain't the hand I dealt ye!"

HE'S THE MAN WHO KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS TO INCOME TAX PROBLEMS



GEORGE K. STEIN
Tax Instructor, Bureau of Internal Revenue

Appreciating the difficulties Letterman patients would have in obtaining information about their income tax problems, James E. Smythe, Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, arranged to have George K. Stein come to the hospital several days a week to answer their questions and help them fill out their tax returns. Mr. Stein is an instructor for the First California District, Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Three times a week during January and February Mr. Stein has been kept busy both at his desk in the Personal Affairs Office here and on the wards, where he went to answer the queries of bed-patients. He knows all the answers about income tax, too, and to him those complicated income tax forms are as simple as a primer. He has been with the Internal Revenue Service since 1936.

Mr. Stein was born in Germany, and came to the United States when a young man. He is a veteran of the Mexican Border and of World War I, which gives him an added understanding of the problems of the veterans. Since he has been coming to

Letterman, he has earned much personal popularity, both with the patients and with the personnel of the office where he did his work, because of his affability, friendliness and unflinching courtesy.

After World War I and his discharge from the Army, Mr. Stein was in the wholesale importing business here in San Francisco, importing art goods from the Orient and from Europe.

He and his wife Evelyn met during World War I. Mrs. Stein is a native of California. They have a son, George K. Stein, Jr., a veteran of World War II, who is now studying law at the University of California, and a daughter, Alice, a graduate of UC, who is employed in a San Francisco law office.

Mr. Stein enjoys horseback riding, and likes to ride in Golden Gate Park. He is particularly fond of gardening, and has a beautiful garden at his home at 2515 Broadway.

Since he has been coming to Letterman he has had the pleasure of seeing many of his former Army associates who are now stationed here and at Sixth Army headquarters.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"A little learning is a dangerous thing." The old saying still holds true today—the more we learn the better equipped we are to face the problems of the world, and our own. Why not take advantage of the educational tutoring offered on-the-Post, and the extension courses and Adult Education classes given off-the-Post? Stop in the E/R Office for schedules of classes.

Take the matter of not being quite "up" on your spelling—bad spelling is the first and most obvious symptom of illiteracy. The fact that English words are by no means always spelled as they are pronounced, is a challenge to the person who cares, rather than a discouragement. It was once almost fashionable to pose as a bad speller and to throw the burden of responsibility upon the unphonetic quality of English words. Now, however, people have learned how to learn to spell—how to study spelling. Would you have known the correct spelling of the following: appropriateness, encouragement, movement, separate, separating, desirable, grievance, lovable, outrageous, serviceable, agreeable? If not, you'd better sign up now for the English class.

Instruction in the preparation of income tax forms is being conducted free of charge throughout the city by the Adult Division of the San Francisco Public Schools. This instruction is given in evening classes which meet from 7 to 9 p. m. at the following centers: Marina Adult School, Galileo Adult Center, Polytechnic Adult Center, Washington Adult Center, Roosevelt Adult Center, Mission Adult High School, Balboa Adult Center. Call ext. 4403 for the dates and hours of these meetings. Any adult is eligible to enroll in the classes at any time, but early registration is suggested. If there is sufficient demand, additional classes, including some in the daytime, will be offered.

SPECIAL NOTICE: An accelerated course in Introduction to Stock Trading and Basic Principles Involved will begin Tuesday, 25 February from 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. in the Class Rooms, Bldg. No. 1049. Capt. M. Love, patient of this hospital, who has had six years of extensive study and research in the subject, will be the instructor. Register for class in E/R Office, Bldg No. 1039.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS) — Treasury reserves of major league baseball clubs, fattened by boom crowds during the war years and by the all-time record-breaking attendance of 1946, may be tapped heavily by player contracts in 1947. Ted Williams, Bobby Feller and Hal Newhouser all will be in the \$75,000 bracket and salaries ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be a drain on several clubs.

In their determination to repeat as American League champions and then go all the way by winning their first World Series since 1916, the Boston Red Sox will set the pace in the salary race. Aside from Williams, at least five other Bosox stars will draw \$20,000 or more. Owner Tom Yawkey never has been penurious in his player dealings and his present motto apparently is "Victory at Any Price."

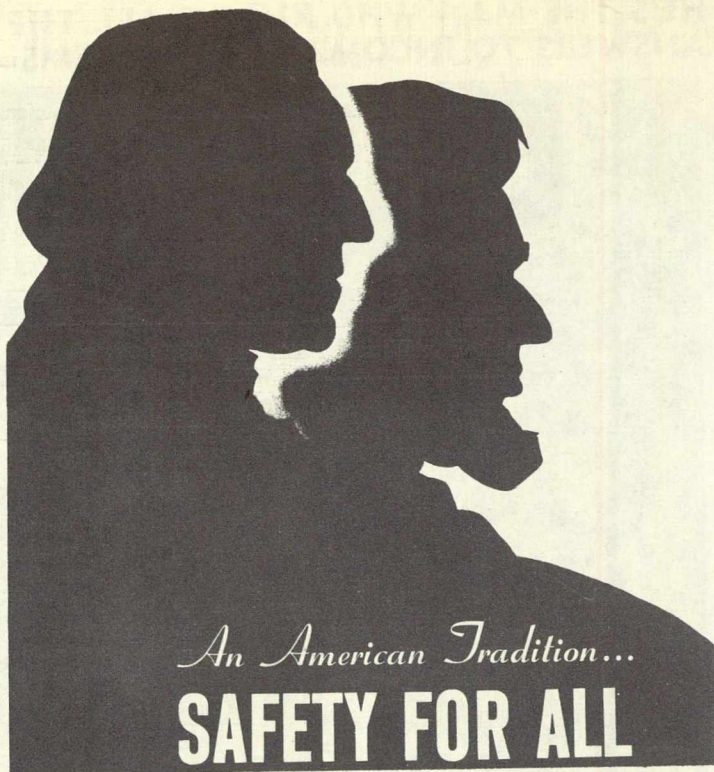
Other club owners are loosening their purse strings and digging deeply. Possibly profiting from the mistake of selling Billy Herman to save money and thereby tossing away a pennant in 1946, Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers has met player demands with a minimum of resistance. Dixie Walker signed for a reported \$25,000. Pistol Pete Reiser, Pee Wee Reese and Eddie Stanky are assured of hitting new contract highs.

Indicative of the willingness of owners to go overboard for stars with "gate appeal" is the case of Frank McKinney, of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The latest report is that he paid \$40,000 to get Hank Greenberg from the Detroit Tigers, then offered Hank \$60,000—an all-time high for a National League player—and still watched his dreams go up in smoke when Big Hank announced his intention to retire from baseball. That ought to make Larry MacPhail, boss of the Yankees, slightly happier, for Yankee fans felt that he let them down in not acquiring Greenberg—even at a price as high as \$150,000.

Clark Griffith, the 78-year-old head of the Washington club, blared to the world that \$150,000 was not enough to pry Mickey Vernon, the American League's leading hitter, away from the Senators. Shortly afterward he told the press that high salaries threaten to wreck major league baseball. He added:

"Players are virtually running major league clubs, instead of the club owners—exactly the opposite of what is needed for their continued healthy existence."

Attention might be called also to the fact that fans are being caught in the middle of the crush between players and club owners.



LGH PATIENTS ENJOY BROTHERHOOD ENTERTAINMENT KLGH BROADCAST

"It's Brotherhood Entertainment! Yes, from Edgewater Ballroom, at the ocean in San Francisco, we present to the Armed Forces an all-star pageant of fun in commemoration of National Brotherhood Week. This event is being aired through the facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Service, station KLGH in San Francisco."

This was the opening announcement that brought to the "Bedside Network" the two and a half hour, all-star entertainment from the Edgewater Ballroom. By remote lines the program was aired to Letterman General Hospital and also to Fort Miley Hospital. Dale Wights of AFRS at Letterman brought the show on the air with the above announcement and introduced Bill Guyman, well known San Francisco advertising agent and former Sports announcer for the American broadcasting System.

Joaquin Garay brought with him practically his whole show from the Copacabana, consisting of Jack Fisher, pianist, Nini Arnell, vocalist, and Alan Stone, comedian. Next came a pleasant surprise when Ralph Edwards, the Truth and Consequences man, arrived with his fun making direct from the stage of the Golden Gate Theatre. Martin Canton, Let-

terman patient, appeared on the Ralph Edwards part of the program, and added to its hilarity. Ralph's wholesome entertainment was the highlight of the show. Bill Guyman then introduced Judge McWilliams and Bartley Crum, guest speakers for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Other acts included: Priscilla Parker, USO Camp Shows; Patsy Parker, Gay 90's; Helen Hall, Gay 90's; Russ Byrd, Music Box; Pat Patterson, puppeteer, and Buddy McDonald's orchestra from the Edgewater Ballroom.

The show was made possible by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Jewish Welfare Board, Lodge 21, Bnai Brith; Unity Lodge, Bnai Brith, Unity Women, Bnai Brith; Golden Gate Lodge, Bnai Brith; JWB Hospitals Activities Committee, JWB Serve-A-Hospital Committee, American Federation of Musicians, American Guild of Variety Artists, and the management of the Edgewater Ballroom.

The program was arranged and staged by Frank Funge of the San Francisco Examiner. The audience arrived by Red Cross Buses and were patients from the following hospitals: Letterman General Hospital, Marine Hospital, NH Treasure

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Many veterans do not understand that the life insurance now being offered by the Veterans Administration is the same insurance available to them during the war, at the same rates, broadened to fit the peacetime needs of former servicemen.

NSLI was offered by the U. S. Government to members of the armed forces because of the unusual hazard of war—and because it was realized that the loss of the soldier or sailor would mean the loss of a present or future breadwinner in his home. Some sort of income had to be set up to replace his earnings if he failed to return.

Because of the low pay of a soldier at the time the Insurance Act was passed in 1940 (\$30 per month to a private) it was necessary to furnish the insurance at low cost. Consequently, it was decided to offer temporary insurance (term insurance) because the cost ran to around 65 cents per month per \$1,000.

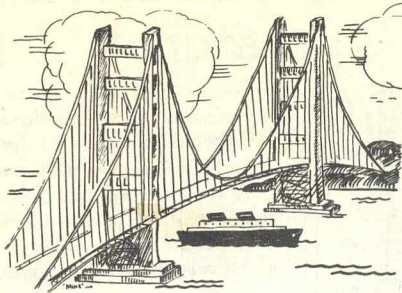
While term insurance is the cheapest, it has the disadvantage of never building up any cash or loan value. It offers only protection. Several other plans, however, are available to veterans who wish to convert to permanent form—20 and 30-pay life, ordinary life, 20-year endowments, and endowments at age 60 and 65. Complete information may be obtained at your nearest VA office or by writing to the Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California.

Question: "I took out a \$10,000 NSLI policy in July of 1943; I was told at that time my wife, then 25, could only be paid at the rate of \$55.10 per month for 20 years in case of my death. Is it possible now to arrange to have \$1,000 of my insurance paid out in cash? Also can I arrange for her to receive a larger income than \$55.10 a month?"

Answer: Yes, to both questions. Your wife may be paid \$1,000 in cash, and the other \$9,000 at the rate of approximately \$160 per month over a period of about five years.

Drunk (after bumping into the same tree three times): "Losht-losht in an impenetrable forest."

Island, NH Mare Island, NH Oakland, VAH San Francisco, VAH Oakland, VAH Livermore, VAH Palo Alto.



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Top Dietition is Letterman Visitor Over Week End

Major Helen C. Burns, Director of Dietitians, office of the Surgeon General, was a Letterman visitor over the past week end as part of an official tour of inspection of medical installations on the Pacific Coast.

Major Burns is a native of Lowell, Mass., and a graduate of Simmons College with degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. She came into the army by way of the School for Dietitians at Walter Reed General Hospital in 1928 and remained at that post until September 1942 when she was transferred to the office of the Surgeon General as supervisor of dietitians.

With the militarization of dietitians in January 1943 Major Burns was commissioned in her present grade with the title of Director of Dietitians. She planned the organization of Hospital Dietitians and saw her section grow to include a total of 1900 commissioned during the recent war. The present organization is, AUS but there is pending before Congress legislation to bring the dietitians into the regular army with commissions for such personnel in grades from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel. It is expected that action will be taken on that measure before the end of the current fiscal year. The strength of the new corps is set at 155 although there are at the present time 390 dietitians on active duty with the medical installations of the army.

During her tour of Letterman Major Burns had conferences with the commanding officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, and the Director of Dietetics, Major Thomas R. Jones, P. C. On inspection rounds of the kitchens and mess halls the major was accompanied by Captain Helen C. MacLean, head dietitian, here. Major Burns stated that she found everything in excellent condition



THE DIRECTOR OF DIETITIANS

Major Helen C. Burns (left), talks with the Commanding Officer, Col. Dean F. Winn, during her visit here. Capt. Helen C. MacLean, head dietitian at Letterman, listens.

and the high standards maintained in keeping with the policy of the surgeon general.

Before coming to Letterman Major Burns had paid visits of inspection at Fort Lawton and Madigan General Hospital, and went over to Camp Stoneman while in the bay area. She left here on Monday en route to Fort Ord and McCornack General Hospital before returning to Washington.

I. G. Here

Letterman this week is undergoing the annual general inspection of the command with Lieutenant Colonel E. K. Johnson, IGD., from headquarters of the 6th Army as the inspecting officer.

Colonel Johnson is assisted by a staff consisting of Major J. P. Landauer, Captain C. R. Chilquist, and Warrant Officer R. H. Hanson.

Civilian Employees Ideas Save the War Dept. \$170,000,000

(CNS)—Ideas submitted by civilian employees through the War Department suggestion program have resulted in a first-year saving of nearly \$170,000,000.

More than 335,000 ideas calculated to economize on time, effort and money have been received by the Department since the inauguration of the suggestion program in June, 1943.

Highest cash award for a single suggestion went to a trio of civilian employees of the Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Ohio.

Frank Skrobak, William Durgy and Robert Hoke received a total of \$6,250 for their "Prodpak" system of supply.

Prior to the adoption of their idea, a complete set of parts was shipped overseas when production changes were made in any airplane. The practice loaded overseas theaters with items already plentiful and burdened the transportation system both in the U. S. and across the sea.

The trio suggested the manufacture of a kit containing only those parts necessary to effect a particular production change, eliminating bulky shipments and preventing accumulation of surplus items.

Both military and civilian personnel of Letterman are eligible to compete for awards under the War Department Suggestion program, and they are urged to submit their ideas for job improvement via the Suggestion boxes.

It is a simple matter to submit a suggestion. 1. Obtain a Suggestion blank from your supervisor or from Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, Administration Bldg. 2. Write the suggestion briefly and clearly. 3. Drop it in one of the Suggestion boxes on the ramp.

Telecarts Replace Telephone Center and Operators

Beginning today bedside telephone service by means of "telecarts" will supplant the centralized Telephone Center in the solarium at Letterman and the change has been officially announced by Mr. Lyle M. Brown, division manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company.



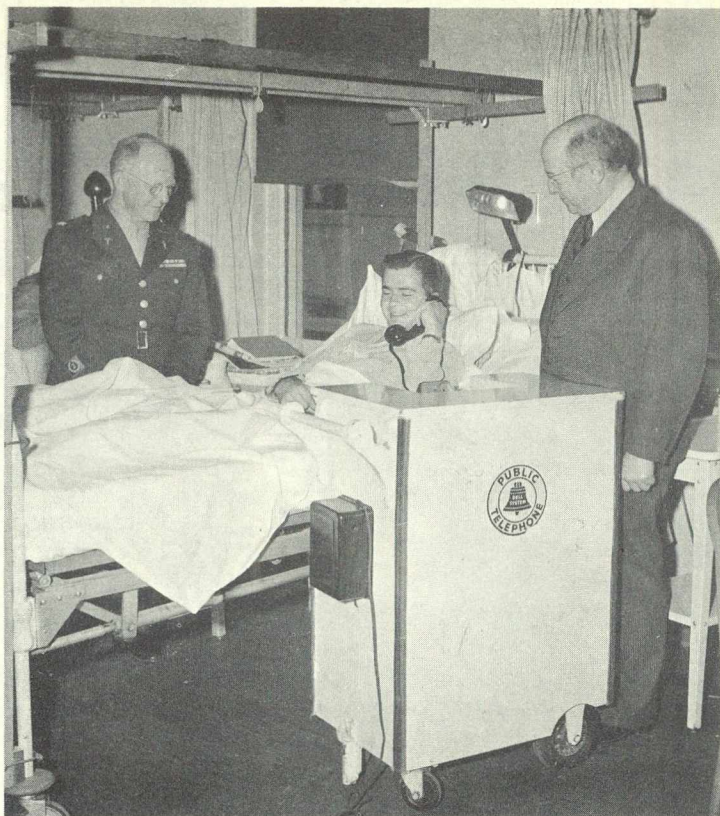
Miss MARIE SCHADD

Opened in 1943 to provide patients and staff members of the hospital with helpful and convenient telephone service, the Telephone Center has served thousands of sick and disabled Army veterans in an atmosphere created especially for their comfort and convenience.

In announcing cessation of service through the Telephone Center, Mr. Brown gave assurance that adequate telephone facilities would be provided to meet service requirements of patients and staff personnel throughout the hospital.

Under the new arrangement, telephone service will be rolled right up to the bedside of any patient who desires to place a call. To take the place of the Telephone Center, the telephone company will install a battery of 19 "telecarts," or portable coinbox telephones which can be wheeled to any location in the hospital and plugged into a central office line for direct service to any point in the Bell System. The new service is provided by means of jacks set in baseboards in the wards to which the portable public telephone on the "telecart" is connected.

The service has been in use in military hospitals throughout the country since early in the war. And it is convenient. A patient, wanting to place a telephone call, makes his request to a nurse or ward attendant. The "Telecart" is then wheeled to his bedside, the telephone plugged into the nearest jack and the call is placed in the usual manner. A telephone directory library is part of the "telecart" equipment.



THE NEW TELE CART

Staff Sergeant Walter Reed, patient on ward 31, calls his home in San Francisco, while Col. Dean F. Winn, the Commanding Officer, and Mr. Lyle M. Brown, division manager of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., look on.

In addition to this service, the hospital is also served by 15 unattended telephone booths placed at convenient locations. Six of these booths are on the main ramp. A directory library containing directories of most of the key cities and towns in California and the nation at large will be provided in the hospital library.

One of the unadvertised features of the service rendered to the thousands of patients who have passed through Letterman in the past three years was the gracious co-operation of the young ladies who presided at the switchboard in the telephone center. The center was open for business daily from 0900 to 2100 in the early days when the men were pouring back from the Pacific battle areas in the hundreds and frequently over 1000 at a time.

There were many occasions when closing time found long distance calls still pending completion and the operators stayed at the board until everything was cleaned up. When the Japanese prison camps

were opened and the liberated personnel returned via Letterman there was an extraordinary period of activity for the long distance lines. Funds provided by the Hearst newspapers authorized free telephone calls for the former prisoners and everyone took advantage of that service. We recall one evening, or better, one morning when three tired operators — Misses Marie Schadd, Kay Dirs, and Lorraine Schulz—left for home at the hour of half past one.

The supervisor of personnel for the telephone company believed the men of our fighting forces should have the best available staff for the telephone center and every representative of the company on duty here was held in high esteem by the patients and the duty personnel of the hospital. The young ladies named above will long be remembered by the patients who passed through Letterman.

In the closing days of the service in the solarium Miss Marie Schadd was in charge and she was assisted

by Miss Kay Dirs. In any popularity contest Miss Schadd and Miss Dirs would run 'one-two' with even money on each and it was fitting that they should pull the plugs for the last time on that well-worn switchboard. Miss Schadd was with us 18 months and then when things



Miss KAY DIRS

began to ease up she was transferred to a busier center. Miss Dirs was here about six months and likewise sent off to heavier duties. Both were welcomed back even if only for a short time.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention that romance played a part in the telephone drama. Another popular operator came here as Dorothy Smith and left as Mrs. Dorothy West—the wife of Staff Sergeant Merle C. West, one of the best known men at Letterman during the war years.

The telephone company will continue to give excellent service to our patients but more than one will wish for an attractive operator to be at hand to chat with while some of the longer transcontinental call connections are being completed.

Red Cross Fund Goal \$60 Million

(CNS)—President Truman, designating March as Red Cross month, urges all citizens "to respond generously to this essential, humanitarian cause."

In his proclamation, the Chief Executive called particular attention to the fact that the Red Cross, "traditional friend and counselor of the service man and the veteran, furnishes comfort and renewed hope to our sick and wounded in hospitals, and provides morale-building welfare and recreational facilities for our occupation forces abroad as well as a wide range of services to those returning to civilian life in this country."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE LAST CALL

Sgt. Bryce Faunce of San Jose, patient on ward 1, placing call prior to cessation of activities in the Telephone Center. L to R: Mr. Lyle M. Brown, division manager, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Com.; Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer; Mr. Zina Callahan, telephone company installation foreman; Miss Marie Schadd, Miss Kay Dirs, Sgt. Faunce.



SILVER BARS

Are pinned on two members of the Army Nurse Corps by Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer. L to R: Colonel Winn, 1st Lt. Betty L. Tuhovak, 1st Lt. Kathryn E. Taylor.



READY FOR A DAY'S FISHING

Members of the Angler's Club start out with anticipatory smiles for those big ones they'll get today. Fishing trips for these patients are scheduled twice a week.



FLY-TYING CLASS

Every Saturday morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. patients who are members of the Anglers' Club learn fly-tying in Building 1068.

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EDITORIAL

RED CROSS DRIVE

The annual Red Cross Fund drive begins today. We here at Letterman need no reminder about the work of the Red Cross—we see it in evidence daily as the Red Cross workers carry out their program of service to the patients. Therefore we should need no reminder that the time has come to contribute to the drive which enables the organization to continue its work.

Army and navy hospitals see to it that our sick and injured men have the best possible medical care. But recovery often require more than that. To augment the work of the medical staffs, the Red Cross provides carefully trained case workers and recreation workers to help speed return to health.

Medical and psychiatric case workers join forces with medical officers to help patients solve personal or family problems. If financial help is needed, the case worker arranges a loan.

The recreation staff provides diversion for the long days in the hospital. With parties, games, movies and outings, the recreation workers help restore the patient's spirits and bolster his confidence in recovery. The bed patients take part in activities of their choice. Ambulatory patients find recreation in the Red Cross Recreation Center, where they may cultivate hobbies, play games, take

WAC

Three T/4s were bubbling over with joy this week when they received orders sending them to the European Theater. T/4 Alice Ruch, T/4 Elizabeth Kirby and T/4 Daisy Chappell are the lucky three, and they leave today for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. They will have a delay en route so they can visit their homes before they sail.

S/Sgt. Margaret Brady spent the week-end enjoying the first breath of spring at her sister's home in Concord. She says the almond trees were in blossom, and the weather was what they mean when they say "Sunny California"

Welcome to a newcomer to the WAC detachment, T/3 Lola Mae Harvey, who arrived this week from Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. She is on duty in Outpatient Service.

S/Sgt. Viola Collings and T/4 Virginia Hill are both patients on G-1, and even though they can keep one another company, they welcome visitors.

It seems there is so much activity in the day room now that it is equipped with a pool table and a ping-pong table that it may be necessary to move the other furniture outdoors to give the players enough space. Cpl. Florence Price is one of the most constant patrons of the pool table, so they say.

T/Sgt. Martha Reynolds is being transferred to New York, and will be stationed with a First Army WAC

part in theatricals, or listen to music.

Volunteer chapter workers contribute to the Hospital Service program, not only through Gray Ladies, the Arts and Skills Corps, and Community Service to Camp and Hospitals, but also through the supplies furnished by Junior Red Cross.

A fund booth is set up in the main ramp and contributions may be made there or through the division chairman assisting in the drive in the various departments and sections. It is emphasized that all contributions to the fund are voluntary.

You are asked to give what you can afford—an to give gladly.



Three new arrivals were welcomed this week to the Army Nurse Corps: 1st Lt. Jamie F. Palm, 1st Lt. Anna M. Silber, and 1st Lt. Elsie M. Hard. Lieutenant Palm and Lieutenant Silber have recently returned from two years in Germany, and Lieutenant Hard has been in France for two years.

First Lt. Primrose Gifford, ANC, is going on leave, and plans to spend part of it resting at home in San Francisco and will then go to Los Angeles to visit relatives and friends. She expects to see some of the nurses with whom she served in India during the war.

Lt. Marjory Ferrell of Physical Therapy had as a week end guest Lt. Mary McLaughlin of McCornack General Hospital, and they spent a part of the week end at Santa Cruz, accompanied by Lt. Gertrude L. Shaffer. Several other members of the Physical Therapy staff also enjoyed Sunday at Santa Cruz.

Lt. Frances DuPrez of Physical Therapy spent Sunday at the Old Hearst Ranch near Pleasanton, and Lt. Judith Blue went to Burlingame for the day.

First Lt. Carlena Alexander, ANC, is on leave and entertaining her mother, who is here from Ohio for a visit. They plan a trip to Oregon and southern California.

Lt. Mary Driscoll of Physical Therapy will leave Monday for her home in Pennsylvania, for leave before going overseas.

Lts. Ruth Campbell and Dorothy Glidden of Physical Therapy went skiing on Donner Summit Sunday.

First Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy had as a guest last week Miss Lou Hoppa of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Miss Hoppa is now visiting friends in Los Angeles, but will return to San Francisco before going back home, and Lt. Sandhoff reports that she likes California so well she wants to return here to live.

A foursome from the ANC enjoyed the week end at Yosemite—Lieutenant Jane Peers, Libby Burke, Freddy Cornell and Virginia Peterson.

detachment on Governor's Island, N. Y. She's happy about the transfer,

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 2 March, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1900.

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Civil Service Announces New Examinations

Announcement of forthcoming examinations for the following positions has been made by the Civil Service Commission: Dietitian, Storekeeper, Radio Mechanic, Senior Radio Repairman, and Foreman, Radio Repairman.

Deadline for the applications for the position of Dietitian was originally 25 February, but has been extended to 11 March 1947. The salary is \$2644 to \$5905 a year.

Applications for the position of Storekeeper must be in by 13 March, and the salaries paid are \$1954, \$2168 and \$2394 a year.

For the radio work, applications must be filed by 11 March. The positions pay as follows: Radio Mechanic, \$1.32, \$1.38, \$1.44 and \$1.66 per hour; Senior Radio Repairman, \$1.42 to \$1.74 per hour; Foreman Radio Repairman, \$1.49 to \$1.82 per hour.

Further particulars about each of these examinations may be obtained either from the announcements, which are posted on the Letterman bulletin boards, or from Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, Administration Building.

There is no such thing as a little country. The greatness of a people is no more determined by their number than the greatness of a man is determined by his height.—Victor Hugo.

WAC OF THE WEEK



RUTH LUTZ
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Ruth Lutz celebrated Valentine Day one day late, but she says it was worth the wait. Because her Valentine arrived in person, and she, being assigned to the Receiving Office, was right on hand to welcome him. Her Valentine was her fiancée, Corporal Elvin J. Wall, of Owensboro, Kentucky, who had been a patient at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma. Ruth expected him to arrive on February 14, but he didn't get here till the next day. He is now on ward 31, and since his arrival ward 31 has been the most popular spot on the post with Ruth.

Ruth and Elvin met when he was a patient at Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana and she was assigned to duty there. They became engaged, and when Wakeman closed, Ruth came to Letterman, but Elvin, to his regret, went to Madigan. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge, and knows he will be in the hospital for some time, so they're both mighty happy about his transfer here.

"He's supposed to be well enough by July to be able to walk," says Ruth, "and we hope to be married in August." They plan to live in Owensboro, where Elvin will work in or take over his father's store. Ruth has visited his parents there, and says she knows she will like living in Kentucky—"the people there are so friendly."

Ruth is from Cincinnati, Ohio. She likes horseback riding, roller-skating, and most of all, playing the marimba. Her marimba is at home so she hasn't practiced lately, but she used to play on amateur radio programs, both as a soloist and with her brother, who plays the accordion.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Shelby Richardson, patient on ward K-2, is from Tyler, Texas, and says he "would just LOVE to be back there." When he does get back, he plans to go back to school at Southern Methodist University, where he has only a year and a half to go to get his degree. Meanwhile, right now he's reading Kenneth Roberts' new book "Lydia Bailey," and enjoying it very much.

James Barnett of ward F-1, peeling the orange that was taking the place of coffee at the PX the other morning, said he was glad he'd be returning to duty soon after five months in the hospital. He hopes it will be somewhere in Oregon. He recently finished the hooked rug he made as a gift for his wife—a design showing the Replacement School Command insignia. "It was supposed to be a Christmas present, but on Christmas Day I was able to walk for the first time in months, so I didn't want to spend any time hooking a rug. My wife was here for Christmas, and she said she'd be glad to get the gift any time—it didn't have to be for Christmas."

Raymond Howard of ward E-1 is doing a painstaking job of chip carving on a box for his wife Adele. The design on the box was drawn by a fellow patient on the ward, Daniel Caudillo.

Marjorie J. Brown of San Francisco became the bride of Thomas R. Rauch, Letterman patient, on February 19 at the Presidio Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click.

These are happy days for Edward Pleines of ward F-1, because he's getting out of the hospital next week, and he's carrying a marriage license around in his pocket. He and Miss Dorothy Donaldson will be married next week in Berkeley, and will make their home in Oakland.

Hosea Johnson of Chicago and James O. Harrington of Midlothian, Texas, are both patients on ward K-2, and when they sit around talking about the relative merits of their home towns you can guess that it's the boy from Texas who's the most ardent booster for his home state.

After 15 months in the hospital Norman Amoruso, from California's Central Valley, is about to receive his discharge. Says it's a wonderful feeling.

Percy Johnson, patient on ward

E-1, was in a Manila hospital before coming to Letterman in January. His home is in Los Angeles, but his wife has come to San Francisco to stay until he's recovered, and "she comes to see me every other day," he says happily.

William J. Howard, of ward F-1 was having a good sleep the other morning when some of his fellow patients woke him up suddenly. They wanted him to agree that he was good at cards, in fact, they claim he can do sleight of hand tricks with 'em. "Why shouldn't I be good at cards—I'm from Reno!" he said. Also said he didn't mind being awakened—"I was glad to wake up; I was dreaming of my mother-in-law."

On ward F-1, they have the man they say is the original, the one and only, KILROY! They insist that Kilroy is here, and nowhere else. The only catch to this is that the man they accuse says his name is Allen Battiste, but he doesn't mind being called Kilroy, in fact, he enjoys it.

Clinton Logas of ward K-2 is making a green woolly dog, probably as a relaxation from studying for his classes at S. F. Junior College, where he is currently taking economics, Spanish and English. He says this is his first attempt in the woolly dog department, and it may be his last, but he's going to give it a whirl.

Elmer Stonitsch of ward F-1 is from Joliet, Illinois, which city, he wants it understood, makes Chicago look like a suburb. Incidentally, if anyone is short of razor blades, Stonitsch can supply them. He just made a quantity purchase of 40, or maybe it's 40 dozen, from the PX, and is really too well supplied for his own safety. (No, we didn't say for his own safety razor, but we thought it.)

Gordon Scott of F-1 is from Westfield, New Jersey, but is a convert to California, and his home is now in San Diego. He also wants to go on record as saying that he spent 17 miserable years in Baltimore. How can he say that, when he just got back from Japan?

Ratzi Bonanno of ward E-1 is making a rug with the insignia of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division, and has it two-thirds finished. That is, two of the colors are completed. He says he's making it for himself; wants something soft to step on.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



GRAY HOFFMAN
Sergeant

Sergeant Hoffman's first name is Gray, but his outlook on life is anything but that. He says he has an "insatiable curiosity" about what goes on around him, and as a consequence is interested in so many people and things that life has an added luster and constant variety.

One of his avocations is optics (the science of light), and he is particularly interested in the construction of lenses. Recently he made some eye-pieces for telescopes, and sold them to a firm that manufactures reflecting telescopes.

Sergeant Hoffman was born in San Francisco, but has lived in Burbank, Calif., most of his life. He wears a gold signet ring engraved with the crest of his father's family. Three countries—Scotland, England and France—are represented on the crest, which is a design showing a unicorn and a knight's helmet, surrounded by the fleur-de-lis and the thistle.

Sergeant Hoffman says he likes to think of himself as mechanically inclined, and that though he likes to work, he is "against manual labor." Before he entered the Army, he worked for Lockheed Aircraft as material control expeditor, which he defines as bothering people so they'll get a specific job out in a hurry, and bothering them so often they get it out to get rid of you."

Here at Letterman he is in the Separation Office, which is undoubtedly a fine spot for an expeditor. He came into the Army in March 1946, at Fort MacArthur.

He likes horseback riding, collecting records, the theatre, and eating, but not in that order. Eating comes first. "I really derive a lot of pleasure from eating," he says. "Good food, good service, good company—good combination!"

CIVIL CIRCLES

Georgia Power of the Dental Clinic is resigning this week after five years at Letterman, and is receiving the good wishes of her co-workers on her approaching marriage. She will become the bride of Henry D. Butts on March 17 at the Church of the Annunciation in Stockton. Her maid of honor will be Margaret Minahen. Following the wedding ceremony there will be a reception at the home of Georgia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Power of Stockton. "We're getting married on St. Patrick's Day because that was my grandparents' wedding day, and they celebrated their Golden Anniversary," Georgia said. The couple will make their home in Berkeley, after a honeymoon trip.

Congratulations are in order for Bill O'Brien, of Permanent Records Section, who has received his permanent civil service appointment as Records Administrator.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office spent a two-day holiday cleaning Venetian blinds, and is now on sick leave. Whether or not these two facts are connected in any way is not known, but could be a case of cause and effect.

Juanita Mauer, formerly with the Red Cross, is now cash accounting clerk in Dietetics Branch.

Paul Betts resigned as civilian cook at Letterman to join the Army. His first assignment as Army cook was—you guessed it—right back on the job he held as a civilian!

Gwen Skopin of the Baggage Room was taking advantage of the spring sunshine this week to do a little sun-bathing during her lunch hours. People keep asking where she does this sun-bathing.

Two more signs of spring were Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel and Lillian Taylor of the Registrar's office. They both appeared in attractive white outfits one day this week.

Margaret Pendergast and Mary Forthman, formerly in the Information Office, have been welcomed back to Letterman, and are now working in the post office.

A welcome also to two new employees—Muriel Hocking and Anne Murney. Muriel is with Physical Medicine Service, and Anne in Occupational Therapy.

Martha Phillips of Major Whitaker's office went hiking in Mill Valley over the week end, and is still feeling the effects, it says here.

DECORATIVE DOROTHY DAZZLES DOZENS AT HER DAILY DUTIES



Mrs. DOROTHY E. JOHNSTON
Sparkles like the jewelry she sells.

Dorothy Johnston, the sparkling brunette who presides over the jewelry counter in the Main PX at Letterman, is as decorative as the jewelry she sells. And she not only sells it, she also wears it, and confesses that a big share of her earnings goes for the engaging gadgets known as costume jewels—necklaces, bracelets and earrings. They're very becoming to her, too.

She says she likes her present work much better than her former occupation of bookkeeping and auditing. "I like people," she says, "and on this job I have plenty of opportunity to indulge that liking. Bookkeeping is work that has to be done in solitude." Because of her interest in people, she specially enjoys helping the customers to pick out just the right gift. She began work at Letterman last October, and has found that there's "never a dull moment" on the job. The customers don't find Dorothy dull, either.

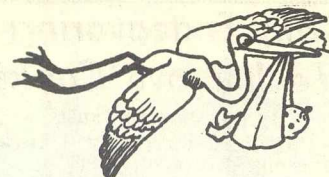
Dorothy was born in Pacific Grove, near Monterey. "I didn't appreciate how beautiful it is around there until after I had been East," she says. She has always wanted to

go East, and for two years during the war she lived in Albany, New York, with her husband's family. She found the climate too extreme for her taste, and gladly returned to California. Her husband, whom she met while he was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, is Staff Sergeant Donald Johnston. He is now with the Sixth Army, assigned to the Recruiting Office.

The Johnstons live on the Bay Shore highway, and though they would prefer to be on or near the post, Dorothy says their apartment, which is in a housing project, is "surprisingly nice and comfortable."

For her leisure time, Dorothy lists dancing as her top favorite occupation. She enjoys shows, too, but her most unusual pastime is target shooting. She learned how to shoot when she was in high school, going to night classes conducted by an Army instructor at Monterey.

She and her husband go out frequently to do a little target shooting, though ammunition is hard to get right now, Dorothy says. So far no one has had to ask her to "put that pistol down!"



To Captain and Mrs. Russell Doyland, a boy, **Russell Attwood**, weight 5 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 17 February.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Wilbur Berry, a girl, **Barbara Jane**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 17 February.

To Lt. and Mrs. Carl Cummins, a girl, **Linda Diane**, weight 5 pounds and 4 ounces, born 17 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Peters, a girl, **Cecilia Francesca**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 19 February.

To Major and Mrs. John Wiggs, a boy, **John Jeffery**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 20 February.

To Captain and Mrs. William Whalen, a boy, **Robert Tremaine**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 21 February.

WAA Offers Vets New Surplus Plan

(CNS)—A new War Assets Administration plan whereby former servicemen will establish their eligibility to purchase surplus war goods merely by presenting discharge certificates will go into effect March 1.

WAA said this program is being initiated to give every veteran a chance to buy something from war surplus for his own use.

Most regular surplus sales are for business only.

A woman riding in a trolley car was anxious not to pass her destination. She poked the conductor with her umbrella.

"Is this the First National Bank?"

"No, ma'am," replied the conductor, "that's my stomach."

Mother: "Who taught you that wicked word?"

Small son: "Santa Claus."

Mother: "Santa Claus?"

Son: "Yes, when he stumbled over my bed on Christmas morning."

Man: Get ready to die, I'm going to shoot you.

Victim: Why?

Man: I've always said I'd shoot anyone who looked like me.

Victim: Do I look like you?

Man: Yes.

Victim: Then shoot.

Army Endeavoring To Improve Cooks

By Cpl. Jerome Faust

(CNS)—“Mother, may I have some more crepe suzettes?”

No, you won't be home; that's what you may be saying to your mess sergeant soon, if famed San Francisco restaurateur George Mardikian has his way.

Addressing a group of Army cooks in Germany, Mr. Mardikian maintained that all mess men “gotta be mothers.” The cooks were somewhat startled by this man who had been imported for three months to perk up soldiers' meals.

“Well, what I really mean,” explained Mr. Mardikian, “is that the American soldier likes his mother's cooking. He doesn't want whitewash soup. When you make vegetable soup, don't make creamed soup with one bean in it.”

The Army's Quartermaster in Europe, Brigadier-General Milton O. Boone, says that the Army brought Mardikian to Germany “because the soldier, in peacetime at least, has a right to eat well-prepared meals. Mr. Mardikian is helping us reform our cooking.”

With the noted chef's cooperation, the Army already has instituted many innovations. A huge cook school has been set up for enlisted personnel.

Mardikian has the Army's promise, too, that every kitchen will be supervised by men who have a real interest in preparing a good meal. As it is, he claims, 40 percent of the men and supervising officers “regard their jobs as punishment.”

“Before I leave Germany,” he declared, “I'm going to make every mess sergeant and every mess officer proud of his job. Maybe another stripe or another bar will do the trick. Maybe just a bigger chef's hat will pep up the Army food situation.”

“The Army is in competition with every mother who has a son in Germany. Every nostalgic GI thinks of home when he eats, and I'm sure the Army will not stop until the American soldier gets the best-prepared food in the world.”

In every mess he visits, Mardikian puts on an apron and makes himself right at home in the kitchen, standing over the hot stoves, tasting the food and giving advice. He admits that he is having a grand time with his assignment.

“The food-tasting isn't helping me any,” he says. “I'm supposed to be losing weight. But I feel that in a small way I am helping to pay back all that Uncle Sam has done for me.”

Welllll . . . you heard the man, Sarge. How about those crepe suzettes?

The Army has a proposition for you. See the Recruiting Officer.

MAJOR JONES TELLS HOW TO ENJOY YOUR WORK—“MAKE A GAME OF IT”



Major THOMAS R. JONES
New Director of Dietetics at Letterman

The recent appointment of Major Thomas R. Jones as Director of Dietetics at Letterman might be called an anniversary assignment, because Major Jones has just completed 24 years with the Regular Army. He enlisted in 1923, and has been in the Medical Department all during his Army career.

Though he was born in Minnesota, Major Jones was living in Texas when he came into the Army, and says he has spent so much time in that state that it's a question of “Who adopted who?” He was at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, all during his enlisted service—11½ years—and was mess sergeant there when he received his commission in 1933. He was then assigned to William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, where he served for nearly three years as mess officer, supply officer and PX officer—“all at the same time.”

Next came a three-year tour of duty in the Philippines, from 1936 to 1939. During that time Major Jones was mess officer on Corregidor. Upon his return to the United States he was sent to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, where he was PX officer for the next four years. In 1944 he was at a medical supply depot at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, where he remained until the outfit was inactivated.

He then went overseas as executive officer of an evacuation hospital, landing at Marseilles, France, in November 1944. The hospital was with the 7th Army, and Major Jones served in France and Germany until shortly after V-E Day, when he was evacuated to France as a patient.

After his recovery, he was hospital operations officer at the London area office of a UK base hospital, where his work had to do mainly with redeployment of troops. In May 1946 he returned to the United States and a welcome 45-day leave, which he spent at his home in San Antonio. He was a patient at Brooke Army Medical Center for six months, after which he was assigned to Letterman, arriving here in December. He served with the Hospital Train Unit until his appointment as Director of Dietetics.

Major Jones' wife Louise, who has traveled around with him on his various tours of duty—with the exception of the ETO—recently joined him in San Francisco.

He says his favorite off-duty occupation is reading, especially mysteries. Working at his job is a favorite occupation, too—“I like to make a game of it.” And from that twinkle in his eye you can tell he enjoys just about whatever task is at hand.

Major Jones succeeds Major

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

L'Hiver s'en va! Der Winter is gehagen! La Primavera Le elegada!—No matter how you say it, calendar or not, spring—circa 1947—has come to San Francisco.

With the coming of spring the feeling of new things to come arouse one's ambitions and hopes. The dormant energies of the mind and body begin to stir and the desire to learn new things become almost a “must.” And that's where the E/R office comes into the picture. Just name your desire in the line of study, and we'll sign you up for classes on-the-post or give you information on classes off-the-post and correspondence courses to study while in bed. The following courses are offered right here at the hospital: Bookkeeping & Accounting, Braille, English, Grammar, History and Civics, Mathematics, Music, Art, Spanish, French, Mechanical Drawing and Typing. USAFI Correspondence Courses cover the courses which are not offered in classes on-the-post.

In reply to numerous requests for information about schools specializing in Railroad Telegraphy, the the United Railway Telegraph School, 709 Mission Street, is approved for Veterans.

Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, has initiated a course wholly devoted to training traffic police officers. Thirty-three men from police departments scattered between Brookline, Mass., and Chungking, China, recently started to school. The form the latest, and largest class at the traffic cop's college—the Northwestern University Traffic Institute. The students—wearing the blue of the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police, the oxford gray of the Connecticut State Troopers, the khaki of the Oakland, California force, the chocolate brown of the Maryland State Police, and the uniforms of twenty other cities and States—began four and a half months of study. The curriculum includes law, traffic police organization and administration, accident investigation procedures, traffic engineering, safety education, traffic control, court work, and such seemingly surprising subjects as photography, practical psychology and public speaking.

Thomas C. Ward, who has been transferred to McCornack General Hospital.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS) — Top cream will run deeper and be harder to skim off in the major leagues in 1947. To phrase it more conventionally, the Boston Red Sox may have to wait until considerably later than the middle of July to repeat as American League champions and the National League race likely will be more than a two-team photo finish such as the St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers staged last season.

Baseball experts, when they get around to it, almost certainly will pick the Bosox to retain the junior circuit gonfalon. Tom Yawkey's millions still are being spent freely to bolster an array of talent which failed to experience any serious labor pains giving birth to Boston's first throne room occupants since 1918 in 1946. Cronin's crew will be plenty tough to crack, but Detroit, New York, Washington and possibly Cleveland all have ideas about getting more than A for effort.

In the National League it is an almost equally safe bet that the baseball writers' annual poll will nominate the St. Louis Cardinals to repeat. Eddie Dyer's world champions give full flowering promise of being better than ever. Any club that beats out the Redbirds will have to be good—very, very. Which is just the kind of a club Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers believes he will put into the field. Unequivocally, Lippy has termed the 1947 squad the best he ever has handled, if not the best in Flatbush history.

In Argumentive Mood

Blissfully belittling the fact that Monsignors Dyer and Durocher are determined to make the pennant race strictly a rerun of the 1946 diamond forerunner of "Operation Frigid"—so termed because it involved a moot question of whether snowballs or baseballs would fly faster in the post-season playoff—the Cubs, Braves and Phillies are in an argumentive mood. And they may have some persuasively convincing reasons to influence the championship decision.

The balance of power, as exercised by half a dozen terrific sluggers, could make the American League race a stretch finish or a runaway. Ted Williams, Yawkey's \$75,000 a year dandy, conceivably could have a bad year, although such a possibility may be regarded as a fantasy. With Williams stopped as he was in the World Series, the explosive power of the Red Sox could be muffled to little more than a dull rumble, despite Domenic DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Johnny Pesky, et al.

CONGRESS READY TO CONSIDER NEW LEGISLATION FOR ARMY NURSES

The House subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services holding hearings on the bill (H. R. 1373) to reorganize the Nurse Corps of the Navy, and the bill (H. R. 1673) to revise the Medical Department of the Army, decided last week to write one bill which would cover female officers of both branches, and later consider a bill which would provide for creating a Medical Service Corps of the Army consisting of male officers.

It was the desire of the Committee that the rights of officers of the Army Nurse Corps and the Navy Nurse Corps should as far as possible be made identical.

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the appointment of nurses to permanent rank with pay, promotion, retirement and other benefits comparable to those now provided for other officers of the two services. Women now serving in the Army of the United States as officers under wartime laws, and classed as Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Dietitians will also be appointed to permanent rank in the same way as members of the Nurse Corps.

Age limits for appointments as second lieutenants or ensigns of women having no prior service, would be between 21 and 28 instead of between 21 and 26 as first proposed. The authorized strength of each Nurse Corps shall be in a ratio of six members thereof to every one thousand persons of the total authorized strength of the Regular Army or Regular Navy, including the Marine Corps.

The Army Nurse Corps will consist of one Chief to be appointed from the permanent grade of major or lieutenant colonel, and who will have the temporary rank of colonel during her tenure; 18 lieutenant colonels, 40 majors and 2,500 other officers in grades of captain to second lieutenant, inclusive.

The Navy Nurse Corps will consist of one director who shall have the rank of captain during her tenure, and such other officers shall have the rank of commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenant, lieutenant (jg) or ensign.

Retirement ages for officers serving in rank of commander or above is set at 55; for other officers 50. Retirement ages for Army female officers if permanent rank is above that of captain is set at 55; for other officers 50.

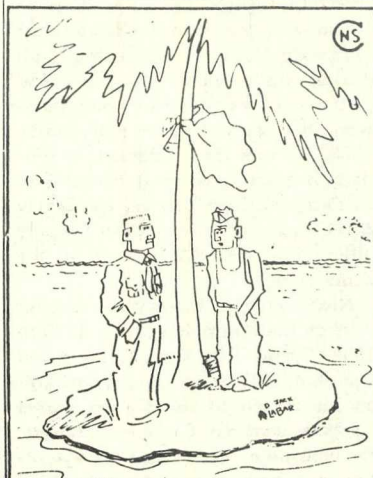
Women performing duties of therapists and dietitians, given permanent rank in the Regular Army, will be commissioned as follows: One chief in the temporary grade of colonel while so serving, three assistant chiefs in the temporary grade of lieutenant colonel, 24 majors and 385 in other grades. This organization will be known as Women's Medical Specialist Corps.

While Army and Navy nurses have had relative rank with male officers for a long number of years, their authorized pay was far below that given other officers. In 1942, however, they were given the same pay as male officers. In view of the fact that Veterans' Administration nurses receive from \$2,644 to \$6,862 per annum and the Civil Service Commission has also revised its standards for professional nurses, so that their pay ranges from \$2,644 to \$10,000 per annum, it is desired to provide professional recognition of service women on a permanent basis.

The bill also establishes a Nurse Corps Reserve with provision for appointment of qualified nurses as commissioned officers similar to those appointed in the regular service.

Physical therapists, occupational therapists and dietitians were first employed by the Army as civilians. They were given temporary commissions in the AUS by Public Law 350, 78th Congress. The Navy has no corresponding class of female officers.

—ARMY & NAVY REGISTER.



"Could you loan me a quarter until tomorrow?"

Answering The Veterans' Queries

"Look before you leap" is the advice Veterans Administration is giving ex-GI's who are inclined to rush headlong to convert their term National Service Life Insurance. Veterans are being cautioned to wait until they are reasonably sure of where they stand financially before converting to permanent policies.

VA points out that term policies may be kept eight years from the issue date if they were issued before January 1, 1946. Even policies that were issued after January 1, 1946 may be kept five years.

The big thing for veterans to remember when thinking of converting to permanent insurance is that the type of policy they choose should be suited to their income and family responsibilities. Since many veterans are at the present time unable to determine these things, they should hold on to their term insurance until they are more settled, VA says.

Veterans Administration contact representatives in small towns and cities throughout Northern California are able to advise veterans on all types of converted policies, the advantages of each, and their cost.

Question: "I am the wife of a World War II veteran. My husband was recently blinded in both eyes as the result of an accident. Will his National Service Life Insurance remain in force even if he does not make payments?"

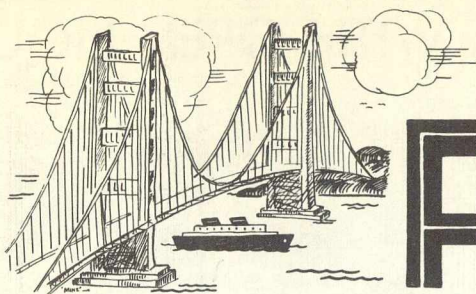
Answer: Yes. Loss of sight is considered total disability for insurance purposes and his premiums will be waived. He should apply for waiver of premium and then continue making payments until advised by VA that it is no longer necessary.

Question: "If I should lose time in the future while going to school under the GI Bill, would that time be charged against my educational benefits?"

Answer: No. If you should become ill while attending school, advise VA of the fact and time lost will not be charged against you.

Question: "I am a World War II veteran taking a school course that requires three hours per week. Am I entitled to receive subsistence allowance. But if you are taking a high school or vocational school course of less than six hours per week, you are not eligible for any subsistence allowance."

Then there's the Scotchman who is so tight he refuses to perspire freely.



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Sec. Patterson Approves Courts-Martial Changes

(CNS)—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson has approved principal recommendations for overhauling the Army courts-martial system made recently by his civilian advisory committee on military justice.

Some of the proposed recommendations include making provision for enlisted men to sit on general courts-martial; removing the mandatory death penalty for rape; and giving the Judge Advocate General broader courts-martial review powers.

Major changes involving amendments to the Articles of War must be enacted by Congress, while others must be effected by administrative action.

Mr. Patterson reported that his approved recommendations will go to Congress in the near future.

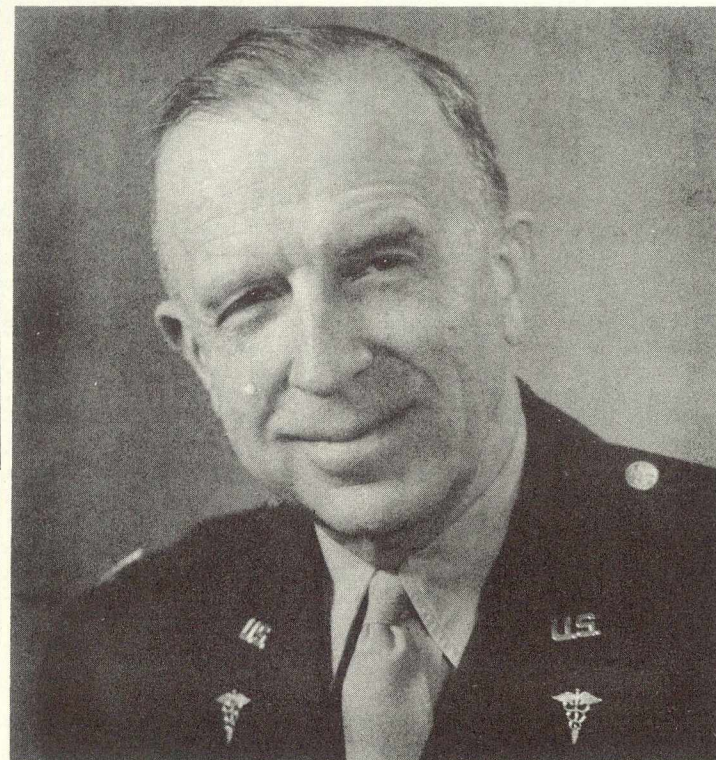
The Navy Department is studying its own justice reform report. It is expected that both Service departments will communicate justice recommendations to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees simultaneously, enabling service committees within the two legislative bodies to coordinate any action they might take with respect to the two services.

Specific changes approved by Mr. Patterson include:

1. The Judge Advocate General's Department will be substantially enlarged with adequate personnel for more efficient operations.

2. The Manual for Courts-Martial will be amended and amendment of the Articles of War will be proposed to declare it improper and unlawful for any person to attempt to influence the action of a court-martial or reviewing authority.

3. The Manual for Courts-Martial will be amended expressly to prohibit the reprimand of a court-mar-



Colonel O. H. STANLEY, M.C.
Former commanding officer of Halloran General Hospital who was here on temporary duty last week. Col. Stanley will also visit McCornack and Brooke General Hospitals before assuming command of Oliver General Hospital in the near future.

tial of any of its members with respect to court-martial action.

4. The Manual for Courts-Martial will be amended to clarify the obligation of courts-martial to exercise their own judgment in imposing sentences and to forbid the courts to impose sentences known to be excessive.

5. Amendments of the Articles of War will be proposed to require that law members of general courts-martial be members of the Judge Advocate General's Department or trained lawyers designated by the J. A. G.

6. The Judge Advocate General's final courts-martial review powers will be considerably broadened.

7. Amendment of the Articles of War will be proposed to give discretionary power to the J. A. G. to grant new trials and set aside sentences upon application of accused persons.

8. The Articles of War will be amended to vest the J. A. G. with the authority to prescribe assignments of officers of his department and to require the J. A. G. or senior members of his staff to make fre-

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Candidates for West Point Assemble Here For Examinations

Examinations for entrance to West Point began at Letterman this week, with approximately 35 candidates present to take the tests for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. During the period of the examinations the candidates will be the guests of the Army, and will be housed in Building 55 of the Presidio.

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson is the President of the West Point Examination Board of twelve officers who conduct the tests. The period of the examination is from 4 to 14 March.

The group here to take the tests is composed of civilians, officer and enlisted personnel, and among the states represented by candidates are Connecticut, New York, Washington, Illinois, Idaho, Montana and California.

The West Point examinations are given simultaneously at twenty centers in various parts of the United States, according to Lt. Col. A. R. Brosseau, AAF, of the West Point Academic staff. Colonel Brosseau is here to conduct the physical aptitude examination.

The procedure necessary for the young man who wishes to pursue an Army career at West Point is this: He must meet the scholastic standards of the West Point Candidate Board, and can then submit a letter requesting the appointment, either to his Congressman or to the West Point Academic Board. His academic credits must accompany the letter. If he is accepted, he is eligible to take the entrance examinations.

Before reporting to one of the stations, such as Letterman, where the general examinations are given, he must pass a preliminary competitive test.

PRESIDIO CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL WITH OPEN HOUSE

The Presidio of San Francisco will celebrate its 100th anniversary as a United States Army post on next Tuesday, 11 March, and the occasion will be observed with an open house to which the public is invited, both at the Presidio and at Letterman General Hospital. Other features of the celebration will be a military review, a special award ceremony, and formal retreat to be held on the Presidio parade ground.

The announcement of the ceremonies which will commemorate the centennial of the historic area which has housed U. S. Army personnel since before the Civil War was made this week by Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

Among the points of historic interest that will attract visitors on Centennial Day will be the Presidio Officers' Club, the oldest building in San Francisco, and the National Cemetery, where are buried such military greats as Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, Maj. Gen. Erwin McDowell and Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett.

Old Fort Point, built in 1861 and San Francisco's major harbor defense of half a century ago, will be open for the first time in many years and Army personnel will guide visitors through this historic edifice by the Golden Gate which was abandoned before World War I.

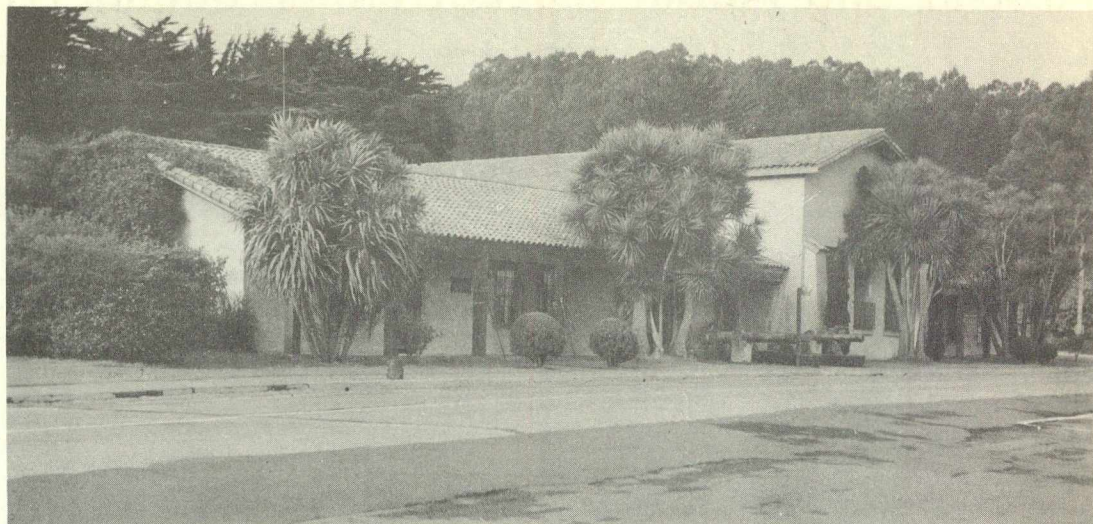
At Letterman, open house will be held from 1:30 to 4 p. m., and WAC guides will be available to answer questions and conduct the public through the hospital.

Visitors will be taken through the wards, the Library, Surgery, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, the gymnasium and pool, the mess hall and kitchen. Refreshments of coffee and doughnuts will be served at the Recreation Center.

The Sixth Army Food Service School will be open for inspection. Here Army members of the faculty will explain to visitors the new food service program, and demonstrate the manner in which it is being taught.

The public is also invited to attend one of the three special showings of Army films at the Post Theater. Films selected will show the Army in its peacetime jobs of occupation, defense and training.

To illustrate how a single phase of that peacetime job is being carried out by one of the civilian components, there will be a demonstration ROTC drill on the parade ground at 3 p. m. Units from a San



THE OLDEST BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO
Now the Presidio Officers' Club. Built in 1776, it was originally the residence of the first Commandante Militar of the Presidio, Don Jose Arguello, and the scene of the tragic romance of his daughter Concepcion and Nicolai Rezanov.

Francisco and an East Bay high school will participate and have been selected to represent all the high schools in their particular area.

The new Stilwell Hall, headquarters of the Organized Reserve Corps at the Presidio, will have open house during the afternoon, and all reservists as well as the general public are invited.

It was on or about March 11, 1947, that two companies of Stevenson's New York Volunteer Regiment, commanded by Major James A. Hardie, took over the Presidio after a long sea voyage around Cape Horn from the east coast.

Five flags have flown over the Presidio since its founding in 1776. At that time Juan Bautista de Anza, who had marched from Sonora, Mexico, more than 800 miles to Monterey, California, to reinforce the garrison there, continued his march to the end of the San Francisco peninsula and fixed on the site for the Presidio (garrison post) on March 28, 1776. The first flag was that of imperial Spain, raised by de Anza. The next was that of the short-lived Mexican empire, which was followed by the standard of the Republic of Mexico. Then for 25 days the Presidio was a possession of the "Bear" Republic of California before it was annexed by the United States.

In each case the occupation of the Presidio was peaceful and went almost unnoticed by the citizens of San Francisco, which was then known as Yerba Buena.

When Major Hardie entered the Presidio palisade, he found it deserted and in virtual ruins. The crumbling fort of San Joaquin guarding the entrance to San Francisco Bay—now the site of Fort Point directly under the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza—was badly in need of repair and rearming. The guns had been spiked by John C. Fremont and his men, including Kit Carson, a few months before, during the "Bear" revolt.

Fort Point, built in 1861 on the site of the original Castillo (fort) de San Joaquin, was in its day a formidable coastal fortress. It now lies empty and forsaken, and as outdated as the square-riggers it was built to combat.

During the Civil War, Union regiments were trained at the Presidio. Later the post was a western headquarters for troops used in the Indian campaigns of the 1870s and 80s.

Volunteers trained for overseas service in the Spanish-American War I officer training for the eleven western states took place on the post and doughboys drilled near camps housing enemy aliens.

General John J. Pershing was in command of the Eighth Brigade at the Presidio in 1914 before leaving on the Mexican expedition. His great personal tragedy occurred on the post when his wife and three children died in a fire which destroyed their home.

At the time the United States entered World War II, the Presidio

was headquarters for the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command under Lieutenant General John R. DeWitt.

The Western Defense Command was later inactivated and the area was placed under the Ninth Service Command. Early in 1946 the War Department replaced the nine service commands with six Army commands, and General Joseph W. Stilwell became commander of the reactivated Sixth Army with headquarters at the Presidio.

General Stilwell held this command until his death on October 12, 1946, when he was succeeded by General Hays.

Recently the War Department announced the appointment of General Mark W. Clark, head of the U. S. occupation forces in Austria, as commanding general of the Sixth Army.

Most famous of all the romantic stories of early days at the Presidio is the one which centers around San Francisco's oldest building, now the Presidio Officers' Club, but originally the residence of the first Commandante Militar of the Presidio, Don Jose Arguello. The story of his daughter, "Concha," christened Maria Concepcion Arguello y Moraga, has been told and retold until her romance has become famous in the history of Old California.

Concepcion, who was born at the Presidio in 1791, was known as La Favorita, and called the most beautiful and bewitching girl in Califor-

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LGH

Open House will be held at Letterman next Tuesday, March 11, from 1:30 to 4 p. m. during the Presidio Centennial celebration.



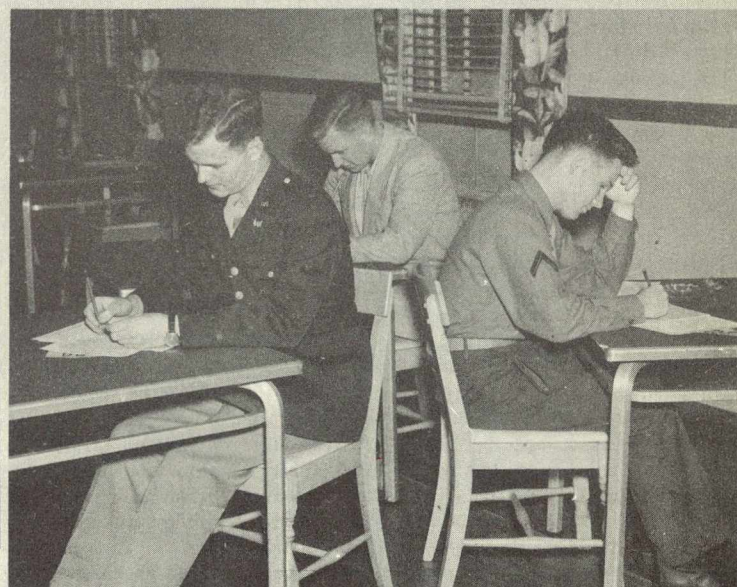
CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, congratulates 1st Lt. Phillip A. Matthews, Chief of Separation Counseling Branch at LGH, after pinning the silver bars on his shoulders.



WEST POINT CANDIDATES

Here to take examinations for admission to the United States Military Academy assemble under the direction of Col. Leonard N. Swanson, MC. Col. Swanson is president of the board of 12 officers who will conduct the examination.



THE EXAMINATIONS BEGIN

An officer, a civilian and an enlisted man begin work on the West Point examination questions. L to R: 2d Lt. Edward Willis of Holtville, Calif.; John Granicher of San Francisco; Pfc. William Fox of New Haven, Conn.

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EDITORIAL

SECRET WEAPONS

The greatest "secret weapon" possessed by the United States in World War II was not the B-29—or radar—or even the atomic bomb.

It was the adaptability and resourcefulness, the courage and loyalty of the American soldier.

The mechanics and farmers and soda clerks who went into the Army at their country's call had not been raised for war. But they became an unbeatable fighting force.

The Army did more than train and discipline these men. It gave them scope for growth and initiative. They proved, for the second time in a quarter-century, that free men make great soldiers.

The Regular Army soldier of the future must be educated and trained to an even higher standard than in the past. For it will be his duty to learn the many great technical advancements that science has made in this war. He must handle television fuses, robot bombs, radar detectors, recoilless weapons and many problems in applied nuclear physics.

He will be tackling one of the biggest jobs in the world—learning how to protect our country in an era of scientific instruments such as the world has never known before.

This new Regular Army needs—and is getting—many of America's finest young men.—Camp Beale "Bealiner."



Five members of the Army Nurse Corps are receiving congratulations this week on their promotions. It is now Major Frances M. Everett, instead of Captain, and the following four received promotions from 1st lieutenant to Captain: Rebecca Amend, Marian E. Martini, Lily Neal and Rebecca Chamberlain.

A foursome from Physical Therapy enjoyed last week end at Santa Cruz—Captain Vida Buehler, Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff, Lt. Gertrude L. Shaffer and Miss Connie Kerr. Lieutenant Shaffer surprised her companions by calmly standing out in the rain letting her hair get wet and continuing to stand there happily "until her nose dripped rain." Said she liked the rain. She didn't tempt the others, though. They sat in the car in dry comfort and marvelled.

Major Frances Hency, ANC, has returned from her leave, which she spent in Washington (state, that is).

Congratulations and best birthday wishes go to Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, who celebrated her birthday this week.

Captain Helen MacLean, chief dietitian, was seething with excitement all week, and on Friday left for Hawaii via the "Matsonia" on a 30-day leave. She will stay at the Royal Hawaiian in Honolulu, and plans to visit several of the islands. Lt. Henrietta Henderson will be in charge during Captain MacLean's absence.

Major Anne Benton, ANC, left this week on emergency leave to go to her home in Newnan, Georgia, called there by the serious illness of her mother.

Lt. Mildred Devine and Lt. Louise Dugan left Friday for a vacation trip to Vancouver, British Columbia, and will make the trip by train and by boat.

The four Physical Therapist who recently received their promotions to first lieutenant—Lieutenants Frances DuPrez, Dorothy Glidden, Gertrude L. Shaffer and Leah Crawford—were hostesses Wednesday at a promotion party at the Presidio Officers' Club. Everyone enjoyed the occasion very much.

WAC

Just after a bed—or rather, a bowl—had been assigned in Barracks 212 to Toby the Turtle, a mysterious phone call announced to Toby Paglin, the owner, that her prize possession could be located at a certain number. The number: Alcatraz. A fine mascot.

"Patty" Chapin has been returned to duty in the Orderly Room after being sick in the hospital. Veterinary hospital, that is.

Stella Watra is full of smiles about her new job in the Orthopedic Clinic.

Beatrice "Torpedo" Torpy continues to receive lovely floral gifts and much, much mail. What gives?

Old timers in the detachment are all happy about the birth of a charming little daughter to Mary and Jim Liles. Mary is the former Sgt. Chamberlain of the Orderly Room. The baby's name is Michelle Marie.

Sue Burnett, of the P. T. Clinic, is pretty quiet as a rule, but has begun a one-WAC campaign to go to the ETO. How about it, SGO?

Dorcas Rosenfeld is off to Arizona for a well-earned furlough. Means of transportation: "Thunder Puddle."

Jessie "You-All" Barnes returned this week from a 30-day leave in her beloved Kentucky. Barnes's "little sister" brand of charm has really been missed.

Viola Mackie, Septic Surgery, deserves an orchid for her even, sunny disposition and her faithfulness to her job.

Lee Huffman is beginning to relax after the arduous planning and preparations for the Dibble General Hospital reunion diner-dance. 125 Dibbleites had old home week. Well done, Lee.

The St. Patrick's dance has the detachment eyeing their civvies for a bit of something green. Shure, and we'll all be there.

Another WAC-Fact you should know! Eighteen per cent of the Army's 100,000 WACs served overseas. During the War WAC overseas installations circled the world. They served in Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Italy, England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Egypt, Ceylon, Indian, Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, China, The Netherlands, East Indies, Japan, Korea, Philippines, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Alaska and Labrador.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 9 March, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Conscience Fund Reaches Million

(CNS)—In 1811 an anonymous note carried \$250 to the U. S. Treasury, saying that the money represented illegal gains. The sender explained that giving it to the government would "clear my conscience." This act prompted the Treasury to start its famous "conscience Fund," which now has received over one million dollars from troubled wrongdoers.

Sums deposited in this fund have ranged from a high of \$30,000 to a low of two cents, sent by an unknown person who explained that he wished to pay for a replacement for the penpoint he had swiped from a postoffice.

Some of the money has come from ex-servicemen. One former sailor sent in \$50 because he planned to become a minister, and wanted to pay for a case of liquor he had stolen in Samoa. He said he couldn't enter the seminary until he "squared everything away."

Workmen on Government projects are another source of income. One man contributed \$70 for "loafing a week" on a Navy wartime project, saying he wished to return his unearned pay.

Contributions from people on their deathbeds who are afraid to die with "debts on their consciences" represent the largest source of the fund.

WAC OF THE WEEK



KITTY KELLY
Technician Fifth Grade

Maybe the song "Pretty Kitty Kelly" wasn't written specifically about our T/5 Kitty Kelly, but she certainly could have served as the inspiration for it. She was named Kathleen, but naturally with a surname like Kelly, it wasn't long before she was known only as Kitty. And it was right in the spirit of an Irish name like Kelly that Kitty's first day as a WAC was St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1946.

She was born in Virginia, but her home is now in Beckley, West Virginia. Before she joined the WAC she was a civil service employee, and did secretarial work in Baltimore, Maryland. Kitty lost a brother during the war—he was killed in action at Luxembourg, and after his death she wanted to take an active part in the war herself, so she enlisted in the WAC.

At Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she received clerical and surgical technicians' training, and was then assigned to duty at Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Washington. She remained there from July until November 1945, then went to Madison General Hospital at Fort Lewis. She was there nearly a year, until October 1946. After reporting to Separation Center, she was sent to Letterman as a patient, and found she liked it here so well that she decided to remain in the Army until June. She is now assigned to the X-ray laboratory, where she is receptionist and clerk.

In her spare time Kitty works on the historical scrapbooks she began during the war. The scrapbooks are filled with news stories, editorials and pictures of the war in Europe, and she began them when her brother was in combat in the ETO.

She likes dancing, movies and plays, and recently enjoyed seeing the play "Anna Lucasta."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Gustav Franzen of ward 30 is called the champion bridge player of the ward, but he says it's getting tougher and tougher to find a fourth. Right now he's working on a clock case, which looks as though it's going to be something special when it's finished.

The Armed Forces Championship Basketball Tournament will be held next Wednesday and Thursday evening, March 12 and 13, at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, and the nucleus of the Sixth Army team will be the Letterman team. Two hundred free tickets, purchased from Sixth Army welfare funds, are available to enlisted patients. The patients may sign up at Special Services office, Building 1039. Transportation will be furnished.

Calvin Bradshaw of Santa Fe, New Mexico, patient on ward 41, is looking forward jubilantly to putting his thumb print on his discharge papers, and taking off for home. It's going to happen any day now, and he can get back to his wife Josephine and his two daughters. In his home town he's known as "Cowboy Cal."

When Arthur Loy came to Letterman he expected to have his leg amputated, but this week he was told that it would not be necessary, and naturally he feels pretty good about that news. Arthur, who is a patient on ward 42, is from Greeley, Colo., at present, but has lived in Texas, California and Illinois. Right now Greeley is his favorite spot, because that's where his wife Maxine and their son Arthur Loy II are waiting for him.

Making a lucite picture frame for his wife's picture is occupying Floyd Anglin's time right now while he's a patient on ward 30.

Martin "Curly" Rolland of ward 30 was busy this week getting ready to take off for Oroville on furlough.

Tusco Heath of Livingston, Montana, patient on ward 42, made a calfskin purse for his mother, and has completed several good-looking billfolds. He is now working another purse.

Edward Hickenbottom of ward 30 is reading John Steinbeck's "In Dubious Battle," one of his earlier books, and says he doesn't know how he missed it, and that he's enjoying it a lot. Edward has recently acquired a new movie camera and a projector as well, and is mighty en-

thusiastic about the pictures he's planning to take.

Coy Peninger of ward 41, who is from deep in the heart of Texas, was injured in France in 1944 and has been a hospital patient for 33 months. He never runs out of material for letters, and was writing one to his one and only girl one day this week. Or maybe he writes to her every day?

Stream fishing is one of the favorite diversions of Leland Stillman of ward 42. He says he hasn't done any of that since he's been in California, but he has done some fly-tying. He's reading Frank Slaughter's "In a Dark Garden," and says it's good.

Alphonso Tovar of ward 41 is from El Paso, Texas, and says his favorite reading is Westerns, that they're a fine way to pass the time.

On ward 30, John Martinez, who is from the Hawaiian Islands, is making a good-looking woven rug showing the insignia of the Blackhawk Division.

Omar Harris of ward 30 has been in the Army 12 years. He's from Sacramento, so of course it's his favorite city.

John Parker of ward 30 had a problem the other day. He was worried about how to take care of getting his checks cashed. Hope he got it worked out all right.

Ed Seifert is now on ward 30, and has a picture on his bedside table of a glamorous girl who looks like a movie star. He says she isn't one, but you can tell when he talks about her that she's a star to him.

Louis Bosier comes over from ward C-52 to see his buddy Jack Woodard on ward F-1, and they say that for diversion they "mostly play cards."

Thomas Crumley of Whittier, California, has been a patient at Letterman since September, and is now looking forward to retirement when he leaves the hospital, because he's been in the Army 20 years. His wife Carmelita has come to San Francisco to stay while he's in the hospital, and comes to see him not every day, but twice a day!

Bruce Dettler of ward F-1, who was injured during the typhoon on Guam last September, says he was really glad to get back to the states, even though he didn't get home, but had to make a stop at the hospital. He's from Hutchinson, Kansas.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



WILLIAM J. PALESCH
Private

Bill Palesch didn't suppose when he came into the Army that he'd find himself doing the same sort of work he did as a civilian, but that's the way it has worked out, and he's very happy about it.

He is from Chicago, and after his graduation from Lane Technical High School there, he worked for a year for the Delta Star Electric Company as a draftsman. Then in August 1946 he enlisted in the Army, and went to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for his basic training. He came to Letterman in October and was first assigned to the Information Office.

When the Control Office needed the services of a draftsman, Bill stopped giving out information orally and began to put it down on paper. He is now in the Control Office, where he makes charts, sketches and tracings. He has just finished a map of the hospital area, and also turned out the new organization chart.

This is Bill's first time in California, and he likes it. He has a sister living in Brisbane, which makes him feel very much at home here. Of course he misses Chicago, particularly because that special girl, DeLores DeRosier, is there.

Bill plans to go back to school when he gets out of the Army, and wants to go into the field of electrical drafting again after he finishes his studies.

In his leisure hours he explores San Francisco (which he is still calling "Frisco") and goes roller-skating and bowling. He likes swimming, softball and fishing, but says he hasn't had any time for fishing yet. "Too many other things to do on my afternoon off," says Bill.

Prejudice and self-sufficiency naturally proceed from inexperience of the world, and ignorance of mankind.—Joseph Addison.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Marion Breach of Officers' Personnel was happily surprised Tuesday afternoon when her co-workers gave a birthday party for her during rest period. She was presented with a corsage of violets, a lovely silver bracelet, and birthday cards. A birthday cake and cokes completed the celebration.

John D. Taylor, formerly of the Sergeant Major's office, has transferred to Civilian Personnel.

Personnel of Payroll Section are getting verbal bouquets these days for getting the checks out on Mondays instead of Tuesdays. Naturally this kind of speed work makes everybody happy.

Gilbert Grady of Officers' Personnel is making plans for another ski trip, this time to Mount Rose, near Reno.

Homemaker's note: Mario Breach, Helen Lund and Minetta Woodward discussing the merits of two new recipes—one for corn bread and one for red wine salad dressing. They're both reported to be on the list of gourmet's delights. And speaking of recipes—Gloria Crisafulli has a new one for lemon cream pie, and says it's delish.

Happy birthday to Signe Anderson of the Nurse's office. She celebrated it this week—on March 3.

Bernice Black of the Sergeant Major's office is back at her desk after a week's absence due to intestinal flu.

Welcome to Rosellen Kissinger, new employee in the Registrar's Office.

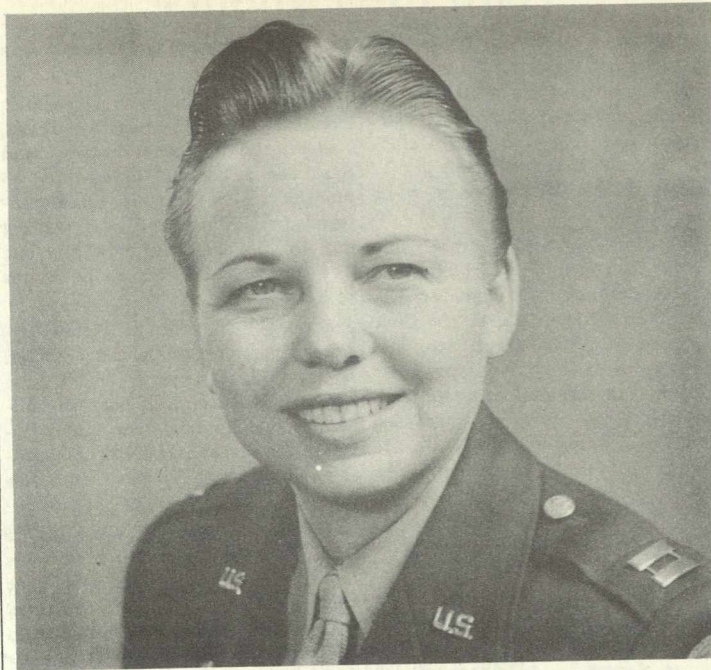
Violet Martin, who has been in Officers' Separation Center for the past year, is resigning this week.

Since she has been assigned to the Library, Mildred Bryan is doing more reading than ever. She says she knows she can't read them all, but she's trying to keep up with all the new books anyway.

Hank Cleary particularly enjoyed seeing Trudi Schoup and her group of dancers last week, and after the performance he went backstage and talked with some of the performers. They were the same ones who had entertained the outfit he was with overseas.

Have you seen Ruth DeHay of Personal Affairs office wearing her heart on her sleeve? She has not one but two hearts—a pair of sequined ones joined by a silver chain, a gift from a friend.

MEET A CHAMPION IN THREE SPORTS: TENNIS, SOFTBALL AND BOWLING



Captain MINNIE LEE YOUNG
Chief, Personnel Authorization, LGH

Captain Minnie Lee Young, the WAC officer in charge of Letterman's Personnel Authorization office, has served the Army in six states since she joined the WAC over four years ago in September 1942. She says she has enjoyed her various duties, and particularly likes classification and assignment of personnel, which is a part of her present work.

She is a native of Florida, but has lived most of her life in Enid, Oklahoma. She studied at Oklahoma A & M College in Stillwater, and received her B. S. degree there. Before entering the Army she taught Physical Education and Biological Science in the Enid schools for six years.

After joining the WAC, Captain Young had basic training and administrative school at Des Moines. She was then sent to the 2d WAC training center at Daytona Beach, Fla., where she was acting 1st Sergeant of a basic training company for a time.

In January 1943, she returned to Des Moines to Officers Candidate School, and received her commission in February. She returned to Florida as executive officer of a casual detachment, and remained until the center closed in January 1944. She was then assigned to the 3rd WAC training center at Fort

Oglethorpe, Georgia, as commanding officer of an overseas training company. The following February she returned to Des Moines, where she had the same duty.

In June 1945 she was sent to Schick General Hospital in Clinton, Iowa, as commanding officer of two Wac hospital companies, and when Schick closed in March 1946, she went to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Ill., and was CO of the WAC hospital company there until July. Her next assignment was as assistant chief of classification and assignment branch at Camp Polk, La. When that camp closed last December, she was sent to Letterman. A delay en route enabled her to go home to Oklahoma for Christmas with her family. "I traveled 650 miles for that one day," she says, "but it was certainly worth it."

Captain Young's two off-duty diversions are music and sports, with the emphasis on sports. She plays the saxophone—"but not in the Army." She plays on the LGH basketball team, and has a distinguished record of achievement in three sports—tennis, softball and bowling. She was state high school and college tennis champion of Oklahoma; a member of the World's champion softball team in 1941, and a member of the Oklahoma women's state championship bowling team in 1942.



To Captain and Mrs. William Whalen, a boy, **Robert**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 21 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Sprigg, a boy, **Robert Gary**, weight 7 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 24 February.

To T/4 and Mrs. Kenneth Dunham, a girl, **Geraldine**, weight 7 pounds, born 25 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Willard Northrop, a boy, **Willard Benjamin**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 26 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Henneberg, a boy, **Joseph**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 27 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis E. McDonald, a girl, **Norman Jean**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 28 February.

To Mr. and Mrs. James N. Liles, a girl, **Michelle Marie**, born 28 February.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. T. T. Beeler, a girl, **Elizageth Jill**, weight 6 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 1 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. William S. Young, a boy, **Larry William**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 2 March.

MORE ABOUT C. M. CHANGES

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quent inspections in the field with respect to the administration of military justice.

9. Amendments of the Articles of War will be proposed authorizing special courts-martial, as well as general courts-martial, to adjudge as punishment discharges for bad conduct as distinguished from dishonorable discharges.

10. An amendment to an existing executive order will be requested removing present limitations upon the trial of officers by special courts-martial, permitting imposition of appropriate punishments upon officers by special courts-martial for offenses of lesser gravity not requiring trial by general court-martial.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Sixth Army, the Navy, Fourth Air Force and Marine Corps are the contenders in the West Coast Armed Forces basketball championship tournament to be held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium on March 12 and 13.

Two hundred free tickets are available for enlisted Letterman patients, 100 for each night, and transportation will be furnished. Patients may sign up at Special Services office, Building 1039. The tickets were bought for the patients with Sixth Army welfare funds. Special Services also has tickets for sale to detachment personnel. There will be two games each night—at 7:30 and 8:45 p. m.

The first game scheduled for 7:30 p. m., March 12, will bring together the Sixth Army against the Fourth Air Force. An hour later the Navy matches their hardwood skill against the Marines. The following night the two losers will meet in a consolation game which will precede the championship game.

The tournament is being sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation Commission and all proceeds will go to the San Francisco Youth Athletic Fund. The nucleus of the Army team is made up from our own Letterman team. An unofficial list of the Army team shows Art Miller, Chuck Gorman, Dick Barnes, Hugh Stewart, Fred Haun, Rodney Lamb, Mike Levinson, Lloyd Schunemann, Ken McRoden and Hank Minarik.

The Army team will be coached by First Sergeant Ricks, who has been Letterman basketball coach during the present season. Sergeant Hicks goes into this tournament with an impressive record accomplished with the Letterman team.

Since each team will be composed of outstanding men from several different teams it would be impossible to establish a pre-tournament favorite.

Everyone is urged to attend this tournament and give this fine Army team the moral support they so readily deserve.

This corner picks the Sixth Army to be the Armed Forces Champion Basketball Team of 1947.

The Army has a proposition for you. See the Recruiting Officer.

INTRODUCING FATHER BRIDENSTINE, NEW ASSISTANT POST CHAPLAIN



Chaplain (Major) FRANCIS D. BRIDENSTINE
New Assistant Post Chaplain

Chaplain (Major) Francis D. Bridenstine, Letterman's new assistant Post Chaplain, can be, and frequently is, serious, but it isn't easy. His sense of humor keeps getting the better of him. And since there's nothing like a sense of humor for lightening life's little perplexities, he's getting a hearty welcome here at Letterman. He says he is very much pleased with his assignment here, because he likes hospital duty.

Although he's a newcomer to Letterman, he has been on the post since December, when he came to the Sixth Army and was assigned as chaplain at the Presidio. At present he is serving both the Presidio and LGH, until a replacement arrives for the former.

Father Bridenstine is a member of the Holy Cross order, attended Holy Cross Seminary, received his degree at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and studied theology at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. He was ordained to the priesthood at Notre Dame.

He was on the faculty at Columbia Preparatory School at Portland, Ore., where he taught English, history and mathematics, and coached baseball and dramatics. During the summer holidays he served as chaplain at several national parks—the Grand Canyon, Ariz., and Bryce and Zion in Utah.

In September 1941 he began studying for his Master's degree, at the University of Portland, but this was interrupted when he entered the Army the following April. During the war he served with the 7th Division, Artillery, and before he went overseas he and Chaplain Albert F. Click served together on various assignments in the United States, so that Father Bridenstine says that being with him again now at Letterman is like "getting back home."

Father Bridenstine was overseas for 32 months, and his service ribbons show battle stars for four beachhead landings. He was at Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte, Okinawa, and on occupation duty in Korea. "I learned to love short sermons," he says "because I got accustomed to having a shell hit the spot where I had been saying Mass about two minutes after Mass ended."

He came home on "rest and recuperation" leave, which he spent with his mother and brother at home in Detroit, and then expected to return overseas. This was refused because he had already served 32 months, and his next assignment was at Fort Meade, Maryland. He attended Chaplain's School at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was then assigned to Sixth Army.

His favorite diversions are sports, particularly golf, tennis, and baseball.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"PLAN FOR TOMORROW"—"Tomorrow is a special day . . . Because it is unspent . . . And so it offers all its time. . . For us to be content . . . It has not even made a start . . . And therefore it is free . . . for us to use in any way . . . To keep us company . . . We may devote its hours to . . . A very worthy cause . . . Or figure every minute as . . . Another chance to pause . . . In any case we ought to stop . . . And think of it today . . . And try to measure out our work . . . With time enough for play . . . We ought to make a schedule for . . . Our labor and our rest . . . So every second will be one . . . In which we do our best."—from James Metcalfe's "Portraits."

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Are you interested in security investments? Have you wanted to know something about the stock market and how it operates? Then, you may want to take advantage of a short course in Stock Market Trading and Investment practices that is now being offered here at Letterman. Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 in the Classroom of Bldg. No. 1049. You may sign up at the E/R Office or at the Classroom.

We all know about the birds and the bees and the bats in the trees, but how much do we know about the bulls and the bears? And we don't mean livestock, as one might have deduced from the posters on the bulletin boards in the hospital ramps which announce the Accelerated Course in Stock Trading—it pertains to the above mentioned course in Security Investments. Capt. Melvin V. Love, a patient of this hospital, is the very capable and interesting instructor.

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California Palace of the Legion of Honor announces special exhibitions: Loan Exhibition of 19th Century French Drawings. Drawings by the great artists of the 19th Century French school, including works by Ingres, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Gauguin and Van Gogh. These drawings have been assembled from museums and private collections throughout the United States. A special feature of the exhibition is a group of drawings lent by the Louvre Museum—dates are from 8 March to 6 April.

MORE ABOUT CENTENNIAL

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nia. When she was fifteen she attended her first ball, given in her father's home, the present Presidio Officers' Club.

A year later she met Nicolai Petrovich de Rezanov, Chancellor of Tsar Alexander I of Russia, who had come to the Presidio on a diplomatic mission. He fell in love with Concha, and she finally consented to marry him, but only if he would go to Rome to obtain the consent of the King. It was expected that the trip would take two years, and she was to wait here for him.

Rezanov was obliged to cross Siberia on horseback in the course of the journey, and because his strength was depleted by repeated illnesses and severe weather, he died before he reached his destination. It was more than three years later that Concha learned of his death.

She never married, but devoted her life to the poor until a convent was founded in Monterey, when she became the first woman in California to enter the religious life. She is buried in the Dominican cemetery in Benicia.

Concha's story has been told in detail in Gertrude Atherton's novel "Rezanov," and has been recorded more briefly by the many writers who tell of the Golden Gate country and its history.

Next Tuesday visitors to the Presidio will have the opportunity to see the rooms where more than a hundred years ago, Concha waited for Rezanov's return.

To Tokyo

Lt. Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC, Chief of the Urology Service, who was a prisoner in the hands of the Japs for 42 months, has been called back to Tokyo to testify in the war crimes trials.

The entire development of this country has depended on the existence of the same qualities which characterized the early settlers. These were the qualities of those who hewed paths through trackless forests and over mountains, who bridged rivers and conquered barren stretches of sand. They were individualists. They faced hostile elements and hostile men with equanimity and fortitude. They had character enough both to respect authority and to resist its abuse.

—George W. Maxey.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED SERVICES FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Camp Newspaper Service

A House Armed Service subcommittee is conducting hearings on Rep. Overton Brooks' proposed legislation setting up a system of retirement on length of service for non-Regular officers and men.

H.R. 663 provides that men attaining the age of 60, upon the completion of 20 years' service, will be entitled to retirement pay upon application. Pay would be computed at a rate of two and one-half percent of active duty base and longevity pay of highest rank, and one-half percent of such pay for each year of inactive service.

Committee men believe that the bill's provision for retirement of Regular officers and men at pay based on highest rank satisfactorily held would be adopted. Retroactive pay would go to men already retired, beginning the month following that in which the retirement plan becomes law.

The retirement bill was introduced to the 79th Congress, received favor from the War Department, but died in the Senate when Congress adjourned.

Newly appointed Regular Officers would be permitted to count active Federal service in determining eligibility for retirement. The present law allowing Regular Army officers to retire after 15 years' service would be changed to the proposed 20, if the Secretary of War approves.

Universal (Military) Training bills revolving around suggestions by the American Legion and VFW have been introduced into the Senate Armed Services Committee. Sponsored by Chairman Gurney, the twin measures call for registration of all 17-year-olds with training to start at 18.

The UMT measures differ in length of training. Under the Le-

gion proposal, first period training would be 16 weeks; second period 36 weeks. The VFW bill calls for a first period training of six months, followed by a second six-month period to be devoted to specialized training.

At this writing, the filing with Congress of Pres. Truman's service merger proposal seems imminent. Both War and Navy Departments approved the merger scheme several weeks ago.

The Senate is continuing debate on a ceiling for the Federal budget for the next fiscal year. The House voted a cut of six billions. The War Department contended that the House figure would result in Army appropriation cuts that would endanger U.S. occupation programs.

Not to be outdone by this country's military fund slashing, the Soviet Union is currently debating a 5,600,000,000-rubles reduction for her armed services.

Rep. Edith Rogers has introduced her Social Security bill to the House. The legislation would allow servicemen social security credits for all time spent in the services after Sept. 16, 1940, on the same basis as if they were working on jobs covered by the Social Security Law.

Under the Rogers' proposal, men will be considered to have earned \$160 per month—with the \$3.20 fees paid into the social Security trust fund by the Government.

Legislation was introduced into both House and Senate calling for merging the Pharmacy, Sanitary, and Medical Administration Corps into a Medical Service Corps; creating a permanent commissioned Nurse corps; and merging Dietitians, Physical and Occupational Therapists into a permanent Women's Medical Specialist Corps.

The most successful man is the man who holds onto the old just as long as it is good, and grabs the new just as soon as it is better.

—Robert P. Vanderpoel.

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him. There is always work, and tools to work with, for those who will; and blessed are the horny hands of toil. The busy world shoves angrily aside the man who stands with arms akimbo until occasion tells him what to do; and he who waits to have his task marked out shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled.—James Russell Lowell.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Thousands of Northern California veterans who have dropped their National Service Life Insurance now have another opportunity to reinstate without a physical examination. Congress and President Truman granted that opportunity last week when legislation was passed extending to August 1, 1947 the veteran's privilege of signing a comparative health statement to reinstate his NSLI.

A comparative health statement is simply a statement by the veteran that his health is as good as when his policy lapsed.

In addition to the health statement, all that a veteran must do to regain his NSLI is to pay one back premium and one current premium—two monthly premiums altogether.

A veteran may reinstate the full amount of the insurance he allowed to lapse, or he may reinstate only a part. If he wants to carry more insurance than he had when his policy lapsed, he must first reinstate his original policy and then apply for an additional amount. In no case, however, can a veteran carry more than a \$10,000 of NSLI, and if less the amount must be a multiple of \$500.

VA is not putting "pressure" on veterans to reinstate, but the agency believes it vitally important to every veteran and his dependents that these things be known about NSLI:

1. NSLI carries more advantages than any other insurance because the Federal government considers such advantages part of the Nation's obligation to veterans.

2. NSLI carries the lowest premium rates of any insurance because the government absorbs administrative expenses.

3. NSLI can be purchased only by veterans; it is the veterans "finest asset from service."

Other new, improved features of NSLI will be discussed in following veterans columns. In the meantime, veterans can get information and individual counseling from any VA office. When premiums are mailed to VA, they should be properly identified and sent to the Insurance Collections Division, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

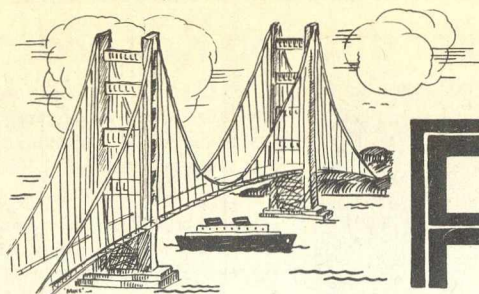
Question: "I want to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance, but I don't want the old beneficiary to know about it. Can I do this?"

Answer: Yes. A veteran may change his NSLI beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time without their knowledge or consent.

What I am concerned about in this fast-moving world in a time of crisis, both in foreign and domestic affairs, is not so much a mind as a heart. A program lives today and dies tomorrow. A mind, if it be open, may change with each new day, but the spirit and the heart are as unchanging as the tide.

—Owen D. Young.

It is very seldom that a man is truly alone. He needs to retire as much from his solitude as he does from society. There is one means of procuring solitude which to me, and I apprehend to all men, is effectual, and that is to go to the window and look at the stars.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.



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WD Sets Up Program For the Utilization Of U. S. Scientists

(CNS)—To achieve complete utilization of every scientist and engineer in the United States, in or out of uniform, today and in any future emergency, the War Department Research and Development Division has begun work on a far-reaching personnel program.

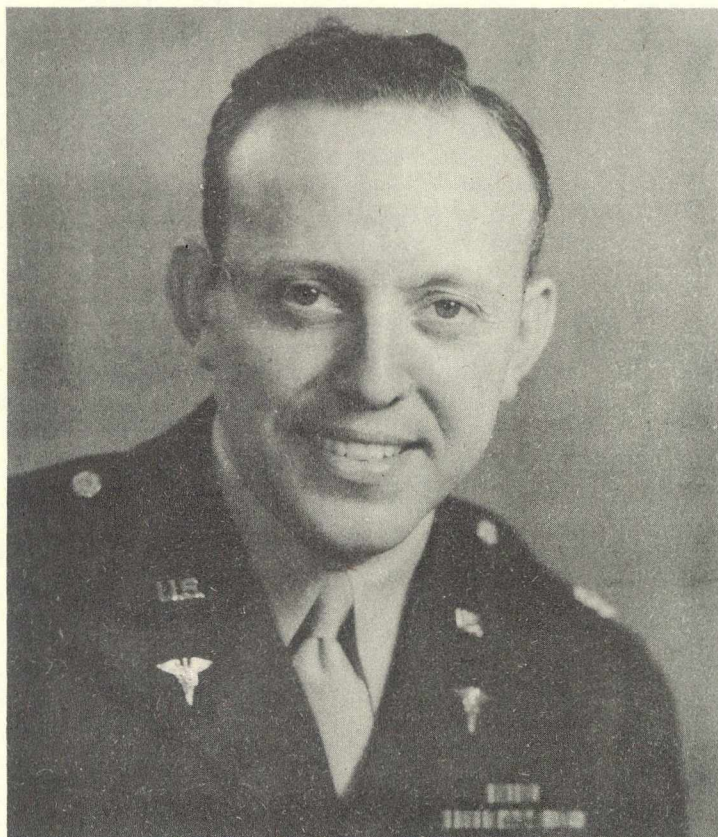
One phase of the program calls for co-operation between the Research and Development Division and scientific societies of the nation "in working out a plan which will provide for an equitable allocation, in time of necessity, of the available supply of scientifically trained persons—to the universities, the industries, the civilian services and the armed forces."

A second phase of the program is "a concentrated effort within the War Department to make certain that scientifically trained persons in the Army, or working for it, are properly utilized."

Among other things, the Research division said, it wants to be sure that qualified Army personnel are trained scientifically with the War Department. The Division also would make certain that scientists working in or with the Army are "provided with the kind of environment in which they can further their work and career."

A scientific societies' census recently was instituted to bring up to date a complete record of every scientifically trained person in the country.

The majority of persons at the operating level of War Department research and development work are civilians. In the Division itself, a number of civilian scientists and technicians are employed.



Major MANLEY G. MORRISON, P. C.
Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients

TWIN BARS EXCHANGED FOR LEAVES

At an informal ceremony in the office of the Commanding Officer on Saturday morning last Colonel Winn pinned the golden leaves of a major on the shoulder loop of Captain Manley G. Morrison. The new insignia was a gift from the Letterman Officers' Club.

Major Morrison has been at Letterman for more than a year and just about a year ago he took over the Detachment of Patients. His administration has witnessed introduction of methods facilitating the

handling of all affairs pertaining to patients and he has developed a well trained staff for that office.

He enlisted in the Army in June 1942. After attending Officers' Candidate School at Camp Barkley, Texas, he received his commission and was assigned to the 63rd Medical Battalion. He was overseas 16 months.

The major is a native of West Virginia but at last reports he was calling Sun Valley, Idaho, "home." He was commissioned in the Regular Army last fall.

Columbia University Confers LLD Degree On General Kirk

Columbia University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on eleven high ranking military leaders chosen to represent America's effort in World War II, at a Special Convocation held at the Low Memorial Library of the University on Friday, 21 February 1947. Dr. Frank D. Fackenthal, Acting President of the University, officiated at the ceremonies. Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, was one of those so honored.

The recipients of the degree were: Secretary of State George C. Marshall, wartime Army Chief of Staff; General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff; and General Kirk, representing the Army; Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, wartime Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet; Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations; and Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, representing the Navy; General Alexander A. Vandergrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, representing the Marine Corps; Major General Lewis B. Hershey, representing Selective Service; and Vice Admiral Emory S. Land (retired), representing the War Shipping Administration. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and General of the Army Henry H. Arnold were awarded the degree in absentia.

The text of General Kirk's citation follows:

"Norman Thomas Kirk, who as Surgeon General of the United States Army led the campaign against the hazards of battle; using every resource of speed and skill and research to preserve the lives and restore the health of fighting men; a soldier warring upon disease and disaster, and gaining an un-

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QMC Laundry at Letterman Has High Production Record

Reporting a production record of 28,422 pieces per employee for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1947, the Quartermaster Corps Laundry at Letterman placed highest in production in the Sixth Army area and second highest in the entire United States.

In laundering tests for the American Institute of Laundering, the national trade association of the industry, the Letterman laundry scored highest in the Sixth Army area, according to a report from the Office of The Quartermaster General, and a letter from Sixth Army commends personnel of the laundry for the excellent showing. These tests involve processing various types of fabrics twenty times.

The laundry processed 7,600,636 pieces in 1946. In 1945, a peak year for the hospital, the laundry processed 8,499,073 pieces.

The laundry processes all linen for Letterman on a one-day service basis, and also handles linen for station hospitals at Camp Stoneman, Hamilton Field, Fort Baker, and Army dispensaries at Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Winfield Scott, and one in downtown San Francisco. Laundry for all patients and duty personnel of Letterman is also handled.

The volume of work runs between 700,000 and 800,000 pieces per month, and the bundle work averages from 4,000 to 5,000 bundles a month. In addition to personal laundry for patients and officer and enlisted personnel, family laundry for duty personnel is also handled. Laundry for patients is on a two-day service basis, for duty personnel, four-day service.

The production goal in this area during the war was 6,500 pieces per employee per month. Production at Letterman never fell below 8000 pieces, and the level has been as high as 10,000.

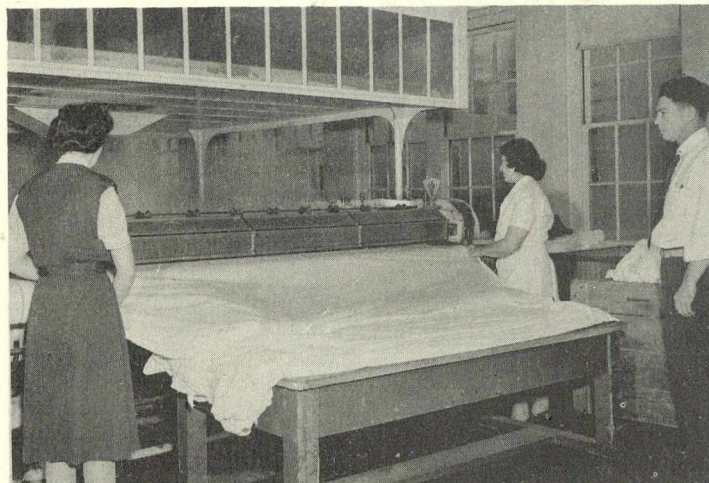
The laundry employees now number 78, including the office force. First Lieutenant Carl D. Hennessy, QMC, who is the officer in charge, was sales manager for a linen supply house in civilian life, and during the war was first in charge of Army mobile laundries and later, on overseas duty, directed construction of and later managed a large Army laundry in the C-B-I theatre, in the Ledo Road area.

Laundry superintendent is Carl W. Hansen, widely experienced in laundry production, who came to Letterman following his discharge



FILLING THE TUMBLERS

First Lieutenant Carl D. Hennessy, QMC, in charge of the Quartermaster Laundry at Letterman, watches the loading of two of the seven tumblers recently added to the laundry equipment. Louis Nogue and David Parry are putting wet laundry into the tumblers, where the articles will be whirled at high speed until dry.



THE SHEET MANGLE

Being fed with wet sheets by Cecilia Priolo and Kathryn Hatt, while Mr. George W. Hansen, laundry superintendent, looks on. The operators watch for tears, and fold back the corners of sheets needing mending. When they come out at the other end of the mangle, dried, ironed and partially folded, the ones needing repair are put aside.

from the Navy after wartime service in the Pacific. Chief Clerk in the office is Mrs. Mary Frances Parry, who was with Letterman from 1919 to 1927, and returned in 1941 and has been with the laundry all during the latter period.

There are four supervisors: Alesandrina ("Dena") Pagani, flatwork; Ricardo Montes, washroom; Josephine Lockwood, marker-distributor; Catherine Bolden, press room. Mending and repair work is

done by Mrs. Sophie Biehl, who has been with the laundry since 1943.

At present the laundry operates on an 8-hour day, 5-day week schedule. Six wash-wheels enable the laundry to wash between 4,000 and 5,000 sheets a day in addition to other types of linen and the bundle work. One large washer is used exclusively for sheets at the rate of 450 sheets a load.

Two flatwork ironers handle the ironing load. One is equipped with

an automatic folder, and is used almost exclusively for sheets. On this, production of 600 an hour is regularly maintained.

Present equipment of the laundry includes: one 54 x 126 washer, one 54 x 120 washer, three 42 x 96 washers, one 36 x 36 washer; one 60-inch extractor, four 48-inch extractors, one 26-inch extractor; one conditioning tumbler, two large tumblers, seven small tumblers (recently acquired to replace two large ones); 11 garment-pressing units, two shirt-pressing units. Two disinfectors are also in operation in the plant, for infected bedding, mattresses, clothing, etc.

In the press room each operator takes care of three pressing units, keeping them all going at once. Each operator is trained to press all types of work. Daily production scores are posted by points on a bulletin board. The standard is 100 points an hour, and the average score for a seven-hour 40-minute day is now approximately 900 points. Some of the employees reach as high as 1,700-2,000 points in a day.

The laundry production record is particularly creditable because the laundry building, which was built in 1914 at a cost of \$15,876, originally took care of laundry only for Letterman, and although the workload steadily increased, the building was not enlarged. It is considered that the limited space in the laundry would have proved a serious drawback to such outstanding production if it were not for the teamwork of all the personnel, whose consistent aim has been "the best work possible in the shortest time possible."

Volume of the bundle work creates an office bookkeeping problem not usual in an institutional laundry. Officers of the hospital staff pay cash for their laundry. That for enlisted personnel is handled on a basis of 25 pieces to a bundle for a set price of \$1.50 a month. Enlisted patients receive their laundry free, but officer patients pay for theirs. The laundry handles repairs on the bundle work.

The Quartermaster Corps requires that laundries show a profit on operations, and the laundry at Letterman showed a profit of \$23,350.65 for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1947, after deduction of cost of equipment, utilities, salaries and miscellaneous expenses.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



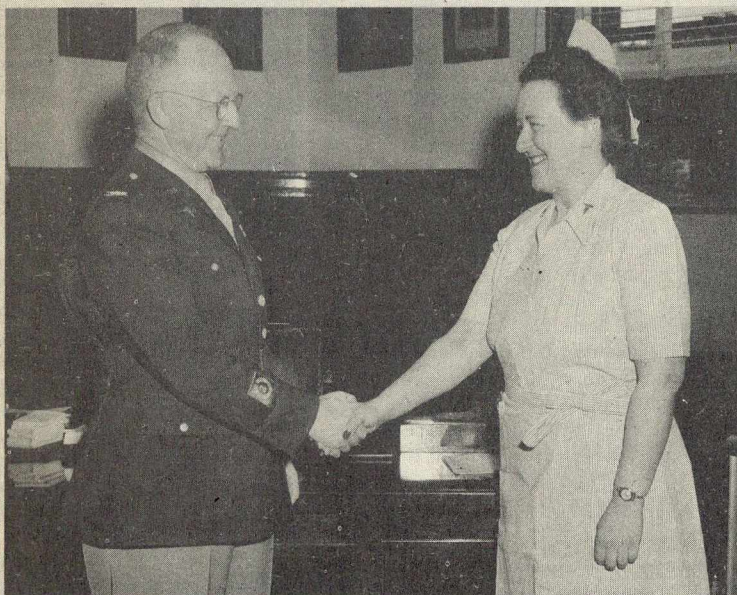
NEW CAPTAINS--FEMALE

Col. Dean F. Winn decorates four members of the Army Nurse Corps with double silver bars. L to R: Captains Lily W. Neal, Rebecca Chamberlin, Rebecca V. Amend, Marian E. Martini, and the Chief Nurse, Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider.



NEW CAPTAINS--MALE

Col. Dean F. Winn congratulates four new captains on their promotions. L to R: Captains Russell Hey, MAC; Robert S. Levy, CAC; Charlie V. Adcock, MAC; Earl L. Moore, MAC.



NEW MAJOR

Major Frances Evertt, ANC, receives gold leaves and congratulations from the Commanding Officer, Col. Dean F. Winn.



ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON

Award is presented to Col. Leonard Swanson by Col. Dean F. Winn, for "consistently superior performance of duty as Chief of Outpatient Service."

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

STOP AND THINK

The world in which we live today seems far fetched in the movement of scientific progress—the great strides made in mechanical development—and they were all once just a germ of an idea. Through hours of thought and careful planning, they became a reality. Yes, we live in an apparent world of unreality.

And yet—the simple consolation that the fundamentals of living haven't changed stirs a desire to make us know ourselves better. We are still simple people underneath the maze of modernism. In our rush to fill each day with the unusual we sometimes forget to take time out. We should take time out and think—yes, and even talk with ourselves.

Our lives sometimes become cluttered with bitterness, envy and contempt for the weakness of others. We lose sight of the simple processes of living. We cannot see the clear light of day.

Step back and look at your life and thoughts. Do you like what you see there? If not, then the first need is a weeding out job. Hard work, to be sure. But the motivating force—desire to improve your mind and your life can bring the desired results.

For clear, sane and happy thinking there isn't a mechanical or scientific retort or graph to aid you . . . you and you alone are the master of your thoughts.—**Beaumont News.**

WAC

High spot of all coffee cup conferences this week has been the change in discharge criteria for the WAC—complete your terminal leave before 15 May or sign up for another year, to June 1948. Latest returns show about one-third of the detachment leaving soon, two-thirds volunteering for further duty.

Newcomer Pfc. Juette L. Plumley joined us this week from Portland, Oregon, where she re-enlisted after being discharged last July. Her odd and interesting name is a family tradition. You'll be seeing her around; she's a tall, good-looking brunette.

Indefatigable T/3 Leonarda Witkowski, better known as Lee of the Lab, has been elected secretary of the PSF NCO Club. The club will welcome more supporters like Lee.

Captain Marion Chapin is excitedly planning her 30-day leave, when she will drive to her home in Chicago, taking the long way around through Arizona and New Mexico. Captain Alice Dahnke, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Medical Service, will see that things run smoothly during Captain Chapin's absence.

Visitors to LGH on Presidio Centennial day were shown through the hospital by M/Sgt. Opal B. Glenn, S/Sgt. Margaret A. Brady, and T/4's Katherine Hottinger, Ann A. Lester, Christine McConnell, and Patricia Nacey.

Two bowling teams have been organized for the post tournament; one is named "Pallas" and the other "Athene." The first is composed of 1st/Sgt. Lois V. Henry, T/Sgt. Stella E. Watras, S/Sgt. Elizabeth M. Hess, and T/3's Edith M. Rullman and Leonardo F. Witkowski; the latter will have T/4's Sarah B. Burnett, Virginia L. Hill, Rose M. Ruscak, and Henrietta Zuzga, and T/5 Caroline W. Fix. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed for plenty of strikes when the tournament begins.

Captain Virginia Breed is back to duty from her recent leave, and sad to report, she had to spend two weeks of it in bed dealing with an attack of flu.

Copies of the women's magazines fly right out of the day room, what with all of the soon-to-be-discharged ones anxiously planning civilian clothes, hairdos, etc. And it looks like California will gain a few more residents; Baghdad-by-the-Bay will be the choice of many.



Eight newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps at Letterman were welcomed recently: First Lieutenant Antonia M. Fasenmyer, 1st Lieutenant Maecielle Pless, 1st Lieutenant Irene A. Looser, 1st Lieutenant Elsie Ehmman, 1st Lieutenant Celeste V. Rousseau, 1st Lieutenant Margaret Graham, 1st Lieutenant Jane Graef, and 2nd Lieutenant Elizabeth Jane Muir. With the exception of Lieutenants Loser and Rousseau, who have come to duty from civilian life, they have all recently returned from overseas.

Second Lieutenant Anne B. Zunic, ANC, who had been a patient at Letterman for some time, is now on the duty roster.

Major Annie K. Pilegard, ANC, is on leave, and is spending it at her home in Fresno.

Three other members of the ANC who have enjoyed their brief leaves recently are 1st Lieutenant Mary L. Coyle, 1st Lieutenant Vernal Piper, and 1st Lieutenant Dora C. Peters.

Lieutenant Frances Trocinsky of the dieticians staff has just returned from a two-week leave in Montana.

Lieutenant Otelia A. Hovland is in Albert Lea, Minnesota, on a 10-day emergency leave. She was called home because of the illness of her mother.

Lieutenant Lena McIntosh of the dieticians staff is attending a two-week course for dieticians at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Lieutenants Dennie Kuntz and Aileen Lasse say that both their posture and their walk have been affected by a recent horseback ride. In fact, they have decided to quit trying to qualify as riders in Hollywood horse operas, according to report.

MORE ON GEN. KIRK

precedented, an almost unbelievable victory; I gladly admit you to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, in this University and confer upon you all the rights and privileges which attach thereto. In token whereof I hand you this diploma."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 16 March, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Medical Library Microfilm Service Now Available

During the war, the Army Medical Library through its photoduplication services supplied millions of pages of microfilmed medical articles to the Armed Services and other Research Agencies. The principal of immediate aid direct to the user, wherever he might be, introduced a new technique to assist medical research.

This service is now generally available for civilian physicians, institutions and research workers on a cost basis. This means direct access to the library's enormous resources of medical literature.

A fee of fifty cents is charged for filming any periodical article in a single volume, regardless of length. Microfilming from monographs is furnished at fifty cents for fifty pages or fraction thereof. Photostats are also available at a charge of fifty cents per ten pages or fraction thereof. Material filmed is not for reproduction without permission of the copyright owner.

For convenience and to keep bookkeeping costs down, a coupon system has been established. Users may buy any quantity of photoduplication coupons at fifty cents each. Order blanks are available upon request. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and sent to the Army Medical Library, 7th St. & Independence Ave., S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JESSIE MAE BARNES
Technician Fourth Grade

They don't call her Jessie, they call her "You-All," because that expression constantly seasons her conversation. And why not, since she's from Lexington, Kentucky, where the "you-all" is heard as often as the chant of the tobacco auctioneer.

She has just returned from a 30-day furlough which she spent at home with her parents. Jessie, excuse us, "You-All," has a brother and two sisters, but she is the only one of the family in the Army.

Before she came into the WAC she worked in Washington, D. C., for the Veterans Administration, but she decided to give that up and join the Army. She went to Fort Des Moines for her basic training. Next stop was Texas, where she had medical technicians' training at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston.

This was followed by a month at LaGarde General Hospital at New Orleans, for hospital technicians' training. She was then assigned to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, and did ward work. She was there until the hospital closed in June 1946. After a brief time at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, Jessie requested a transfer to Letterman, and in August of last year was assigned here. She is now doing clerical work in the Classification and Assignment Office.

Jessie has been in six states during her Army service, but she has an insatiable appetite for travel, so she's planning to go to Portland, Maine after she receives her discharge, to go to business school. Reason for choosing Portland is that Viola Mackie, who is also in the WAC detachment here, lives in Portland, and they intend to go to school together.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Norman Scheu of Ward E-1 recently changed his status from bachelor to benedict when he and Miss Mary Wright were married. The wedding took place in San Francisco on February 10. Mrs. Scheu is a former Army nurse, and she and Norman have known one another since before the war. She is from Warren, Pennsylvania. Norman is back in the hospital after a honeymoon furlough for what he hopes is a final operation. At present the Scheus have an apartment in San Francisco, but Norman plans to go back to Stanford next fall to finish his studies in mechanical engineering, and will then need an apartment in Palo Alto. Any offers?

Jack Skelly, whose bed on ward E-1 is right next to Norman's, is conducting a campaign to find him that Palo Alto apartment. No effort is too much for a friend, he says. He and Norman have been hospital mates now for 16 months, having fought the battle of Letterman and the battle of Dibble together.

Ardell Hogrefe of ward 2, who recently returned from a 30-day furlough which he spent in his home town of Hooper, Nebraska, says there was a little too much snow there for him. Couldn't get around very well on his crutches. Ardell has been in the Army eleven years, and thinks maybe he'll reenlist when the time comes, and stick around and make it twenty.

Henry Dennis of ward 30 was busy last week getting ready to take off for Oroville on furlough.

When John Ward of ward B-2 goes on furlough, he really goes places. He recently returned from a 60-day furlough which he spent in South America—Rio de Janeiro, to be specific.

Sam Harrison, who is now on ward 41, says he expects to be an ex-Lettermanite shortly but he intends to come back regularly to visit his friends here.

Charles "Red" Marshall of ward 30, who is from Dallas, Texas, was giving himself a super shoeshine the other day, but it must have taken a little too much energy, because right after the shine was completed, he sent out for a jumbo hamburger from the PX.

Jack H. Gullock of Hollywood, patient on ward 30, says he is allergic to publicity. But of course it isn't exactly publicity to say that he likes variety in his reading. From the

library he had Outdoor Life, Mechanix Illustrated and a historical novel. Somehow it seems contrary to custom to have anyone from Hollywood allergic to being mentioned in print.

Richard W. Smith, also on ward 30, specifies that he's from North Hollywood, and when asked about the difference between just plain Hollywood and the northern variety, he says "Why, there's a 'monstrous' difference!" Doesn't say just what the difference is, though.

Rudolph Hill of ward B-2 is from Houston, Texas. He was wounded in France, and has been in hospitals for two years. He was home on furlough during the holidays to see his wife and two-year-old daughter Rudyene. "She was born while I was overseas, and my wife felt sentimental about it and wanted to name her after me, so she made up a girl's name using part of mine." Rudolph likes detective stories, and highly recommends one he has just finished—"The Kiss of Death" by Lawrence Paul Bachmann.

Aaron Coley of Wister, Oklahoma, just arrived at Letterman this week and is a patient on ward B-2. He's busy getting oriented, but he's always glad to take time to boost his home state. He has been in the Army a little over a year, and has already been overseas and back.

Anthony Cecilio of ward B-2 is a San Franciscan, and since his bed is next to Aaron's he's right on hand and mighty helpful about explaining to Aaron how much better California is than Oklahoma, and reminding him reproachfully to say "San Francisco" instead of "Frisco." It's just a case of the Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma versus the Chamber of Commerce of California, and the going is spirited.

When Charles Watson of San Francisco and Fred Albin of Los Angeles play cards on ward B-2, the game is "Crazy Eights," and Albin says he's "winning as usual." He used to be in the fight game before he was in the Army, and winning probably got to be a habit with him.

Robert Williams of ward 25 made history recently on the Presidio pitch 'n putt course when he played a round of golf on the nine-hole course. Twice during the round he made a hole in one! Manager Scanlon says that's never been done before on the course.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



BETTE BYERS
Bride

Changing her name but not her initial, the former Sergeant Bette Byers of the WAC became the bride of Lieutenant William Baugh, AAF, today at the First Methodist Church in Burlingame. Bette was one of the better-known members of the WAC detachment, having been on the Fog Horn staff while she was at Letterman. Her duties included writing several of the columns for the paper, and she had a wide acquaintance with both patient and duty personnel.

Bette dropped in at the hospital one day last week, making her farewell appearance as Miss Byers, and blinding people who asked to view her engagement ring with the flash of a dazzling super-size diamond. She received her discharge from the WAC last September, and has since been with the General Electric Company, as a secretary. Her romance with Lieutenant Baugh began while he was a patient at Letterman. He has now returned to duty, and is a pilot-instructor at Long Beach Army Base, where the couple will make their home.

The wedding was a double ring ceremony, and the bride wore a formal white satin gown and long veil, and was attended by Mrs. Phyllis McConnell as matron of honor. The best man was Flight Officer Henry Kressin of Pasadena, friend of the groom. Bette's uncle, Mr. J. K. Wright of Burlingame, gave her away. The wedding reception was held at the Burlingame Woman's Club, after which Lieutenant and Mrs. Baugh left on a honeymoon trip.

One of the bride's treasured gifts is a Chinese red and black lacquer camphor chest from Shanghai, which had been in Lieutenant Baugh's family for many years.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Diez of the Record Room received a card this week from Gloria Browne (the former Gloria Stockhausen of the Transportation office). She is enjoying herself in Key West, Florida, which she calls "enchanting though primitive." She and her husband have a three-room apartment there. She expects to be back in California next July.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office is one of the main circulation-builder-uppers of the Letterman Library. Her requests for books reach from—well, they are plenty plentiful. There is one requirement each book she reads must have: at least one each murder.

Martha Phillips, formerly of Officers' Personnel, is now in the Officers' Separation Center. It doesn't often happen that anyone replaces someone of the same name, but that is what happened in this case. Martha is taking over the duties of Mrs. Estella Phillips, who has resigned.

Helen Jensen, formerly of Civilian Personnel, who is now living in Salt Lake City, is visiting friends in San Francisco and will be here for a month. She says she has enjoyed a "wonderful white winter" in Utah, complete with a variety of winter sports.

Louise Smith of the Registrar's Office is making plans to go to Oregon for Easter to be godmother to her granddaughter.

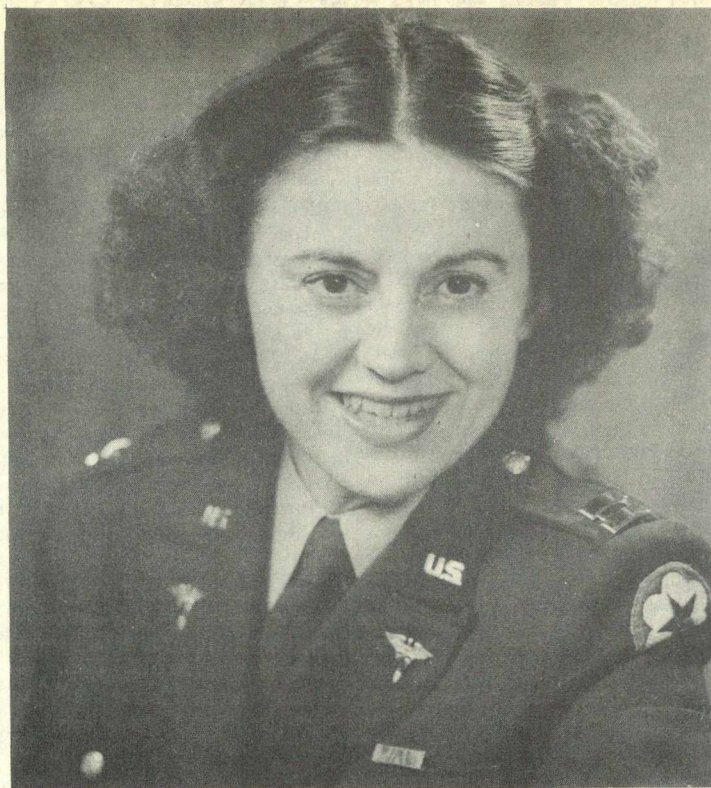
The whole city of San Francisco will celebrate the birthday of Fred Crawford of the Dental Clinic. In fact they celebrate it every year with a parade. His birthday is St. Patrick's Day.

In case there is anyone who doesn't know where "Ace" Guth of EENT got her nickname, it's because in her pinochle games she always holds aces. But right now the main ace in her life is her baby granddaughter, Jeffry Lynn, who is the proud possessor of two new teeth.

Antonia Tinti, who formerly worked in the Laundry, has returned to her job there after a six month visit to her native Italy.

"Smitty" Smith of the Detachment of Patients is sporting a straw hat these days, but it's not what you think. With this straw hat she is surrounded with an aura of spring in a different way. We mean she's wearing Faberge's new "Straw Hat" perfume.

CONGRATULATIONS, DOUBLE SILVER BARS THIS WEEK TO CAPT. PETERSON



Captain FRANCES V. PETERSON
Assistant Personal Affairs Officer

Captain Frances V. Peterson, MAC, is receiving congratulations this week on her promotion to that rank. Captain Peterson, who was one of the first WACs at Letterman, came here in January 1945, and was first in the Adjutant's office. She is now Assistant Personal Affairs officer, and is known as an authority on GI insurance, a matter on which she is constantly being consulted by patients and duty personnel.

The office handles insurance, U. S. Savings Bonds, and legal assistance work. Captain Peterson is secretary-treasurer of the Army Emergency Relief, and is WAC counselor for female military personnel at Letterman.

She has proof this week that her work really involves weighty matters (as if she didn't know!) when one of her desk drawers broke down under the load of the multifarious forms it contained.

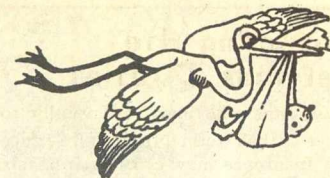
She was born in Missouri, and before joining the Army taught speech and choral music in a high school in that state. She did her graduate work in music at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and received her M. M. (Master of Music) degree there.

In 1943 she joined the WAC, and after induction in Kansas City, Missouri, she went to Fort Des Moines for her basic training, remaining there for Officers' Candidate School. After receiving her commission, Captain Peterson was sent to California on recruiting duty, and was assigned to the Oakland substation of the San Francisco district. She remained in California until January 1944, when she was sent to Butte, Montana, again on recruiting duty, with the entire state of Montana as her territory.

After a year in Montana, she was assigned to Letterman, and although she liked recruiting work, she was very happy to return to California.

Captain Peterson rejoices in a variety of nicknames, including "Fran" and "Francie" and has picked up a new one at Letterman, where she is frequently called "Pete."

For her leisure time she likes dancing—that's the favorite—plays, concerts, golf and cooking. She likes to experiment in the cookery field, trying out new dishes, and it's reported that her experiments are always successful.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard Pad-dison, a girl, **Alice Jeanette**, weight 9 pounds and 5 ounces, born 2 March.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew C. Guerbodot, a girl, **Jan Marjorie**, weight 8 pounds and 2½ ounces, born 3 March.

To Captain and Mrs. Craig A. Burns, a boy, **Dana Craig**, weight 5 pounds and ½ ounce, born 5 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jerome Kaczmarowski, a boy, **Jerome, Jr.**, born 5 March.

To Captain and Mrs. E. E. Boyles, a boy, **David Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 6 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert Ferrara, a girl, **Penny Carole**, weight 7 pounds, born 6 March.

To Major and Mrs. Jack Smith, a girl, **Leilani June**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 6 March.

To First Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas H. Manning, a boy, **David**, born 7 March.

Small boy: "Shine your shoes, Soldier!"

Soldier: "No!"

Boy: "Shine your shoes so you can see your face in 'em."

Soldier: "No!"

Boy: "Coward!"

Campaign Underway For Walter Reed Bust

Task Force Frost (CNS)—A small item in a New York newspaper telling how America had forgotten one of her truly great men of science—Walter Reed—has prompted Pvt. Lyman M. Jones, Camp McCoy, Wis., to organize a "pennies for Walter Reed bust" campaign throughout the Army.

Walter Winchell, in a recent column, explained that the famous Army medical pioneer had no bust in the Palace of the Great in New York University's Hall of Fame because the needed sum of \$6,000 had never been donated.

Taking the matter into his own hands, Pvt. Jones, who contracted malaria during internment in a Nazi prison camp, canvassed Task Force Frost personnel, and asks that donations be sent to him at Headquarters, Camp McCoy, Wis.

Many of the military personnel hearing of the campaign were especially enthusiastic because Walter Reed was a soldier as well as a great doctor.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

The big problem in Stock Market operations is knowing when to buy and when to sell. You can get acquainted with this problem and its solution by attending a class on the Stock Market and Investments now being held each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p. m. in Bldg. 1049.

Origin of Kilroy Widely Disputed

By Sgt. Eddie Feldman

(CNS)—If all the penmanship that has been expanded scribbling "Kilroy was here" were to be exerted underwater—it probably would cause a tidal wave. If it weren't for this danger, many people would be lots happier if all those "nom de plume" Kilroys would do their writing underwater... in leaky diving helmets.

No person or product has ever been as well publicized as Kilroy. Lana Turner, Lifebuoy, even the atom bomb, have not received such promotion. Strategic advertising spaces (like washrooms) were monopolized. Every seaport, airport, whistle stop and bus station announces its inclusion in Kilroy's itinerary. No spot on earth is too high, too low, cold, wet or radioactive, that someone doesn't get the urge to forge the name of Kilroy.

Where, when and how did Kilroy first appear? And why did he catch on faster than "White Christmas?"

The Adjutant General's Office in Washington states officially that "Kilroy was a mythical figure and the origin of the phrase 'Kilroy was here' is unknown." Nevertheless, claimants have stepped forward with enough "tall" stories to rival a skyscraper.

James J. Kilroy won a trolley in one competition with the following: During the war, he had a shipyard job inspecting double bottoms and other far reaches of warships. To satisfy his superiors that he was actually getting around these sections, he began chalking "Kilroy was here" on inspected work. James J. believes it was picked up by other shipyard workers and, when 14,000 of them eventually went into the services, carried to the disconnected places the phrase has appeared.

A Francis J. Kilroy, of Everett, Mass. seems to be the only one making a living with his story of the genesis of "the expression." He gives lectures on the phrase at New England club meetings. A brief synopsis of his claimancy goes as follows: He was a corporal attending an air force school in St. Petersburg, Fla., in December, 1943, when he was hospitalized. Being a likable fella, he had friends. One of them began writing "Kilroy will be here in five days," "Kilroy will be here in four days," and so on. Finally "Kilroy is here."

Other stories are circulated with the theme of an escaping English or American flyer, writing taunts for the Nazis at his heels. The list of plots and incidents doubtless, will grow with time, with the possibility that Kilroy will end up a greater hero than Sergeant York or General Patton.



SIXTH ARMY BASKETBALL TEAM

Members of this team, all but three of whom are from Letterman, played this week in the Armed Forces Chahampionship Basketball Tournament at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. To left and right of the team are CaCapt. Donald G. Boggs, Sixth Army Athletic Officer, and M/S/Sgt. Carus Hicks, Letterman Coach. The players, first row, w, L. to R.: Kenneth McRoden, Maier Levenson, Rodney Laramb, Clarence Bloom. Second row: Hank Minirick, Llcloyd Schunemann, Chuck Gorman, Arthur Miller (team c captain), Albert Farley. Top row: Hugh Stewart, Fred Halaun, Richard Barnes.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(CNS)—Once upon a time—as all good fairy stories traditionally begin—the New York State Boxing Commission and the National Boxing Association heeded the inherent wisdom of "United we stand, divided we fall." Believe me, it was long, long ago.

These two so-called agencies of law and order in the realm of fistiana should by all normal logic be as close as a photo finish.

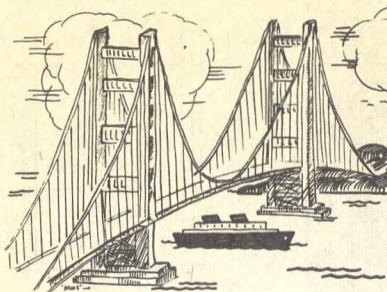
Instead they have been making like Cain and Abel for some 15 years. The recent action of the NBA in ruling that Rocky Graziano, foremost middleweight contender, and Ray (Sugar) Robinson, welter titlist, are eligible to fight in states under its province, although they are under suspension by the NYSBC, is more than a travesty on justice. It is a malodorous malfaisance of jurisdictional sovereignty.

Acting within his rights as the president and most voluble spokesman of the NBA, Abe Greene opined that Chairman Eddie Eagan of the NYSBC had treated Rocky shamefully and wrongfully. Hopping on a vulnerable point, Prexy Greene made much of the inconsistency of the punishment meted out to Graziano and Robinson.

For the benefit of those who may have overlooked the newspaper reports, Rocky's license was revoked indefinitely—meaning it could be for life—because he admitted failure to report an offer of a \$100,000 bribe to throw a fight for big-time gamblers. Robinson's confused stories pinned on his manager much of the blame for failing to report a suggested "bet" of \$25,000 that Sugar Ray would not make the weight limit for a bout with Marty Servo, then welterweight champion. Ray escaped with a 30-day suspension and a \$500 fine.

The temptation to regard Graziano as a "martyr" in the cause of a cleanup crusade is understandable. Rocky learned his ethics in New York's lower east side, where a squealer is regarded as something that sneaks under a snake's belly—all right, stomach, if you insist. "Propositions" there are so common that possibly Rocky did not think much (meaning not more than four or five nights at most) about the bribe offer. It could even be true what he says, that he did not know about Rule 64 requiring him to report the offer to the NYSBC.

Then, if you want to pursue such illogic to its logical conclusion, you can venture that Rocky's punishment, as imposed by the NYSBC, served no good purpose—that it failed to get at the big operators in the background who really should be rapped. That is true, undeniably, infallibly, uncontroversibly true.



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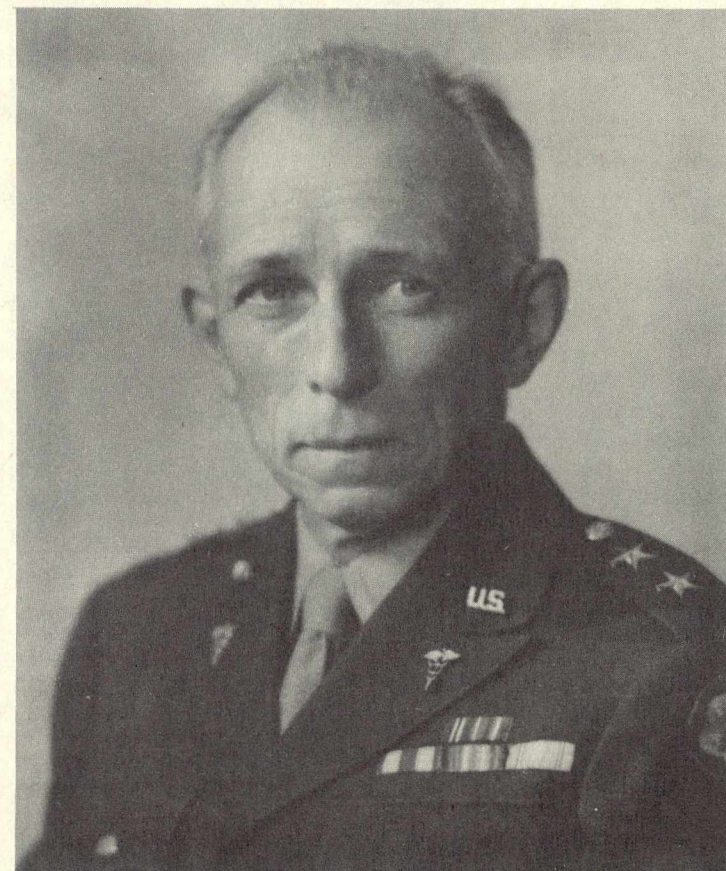
New Legislation is Proposed by The Surgeon General

Highlights of the benefits to The Medical Department of the proposed legislation now before Congress (HR 2536) on procurement, promotion and elimination of Regular Army officers are outlined in the following statement recently (14 March 47) issued by the Office of The Surgeon General:

The bill introduced in Congress to provide for the procurement, promotion and elimination of Regular Army officers and for other purposes provides that Section 10 of the National Defense Act be amended to read: "The Medical Department shall consist of Surgeon General with the rank of major general, four assistants with the rank of brigadier general, one of whom shall be an officer of the Dental Corps" is amended to read: "The Medical Department shall consist of one Surgeon General with the rank of major general, one assistant with the rank of major general who shall be an officer assigned to the Dental Corps, and three assistants with the rank of major general or brigadier general as determined by the Secretary of War."

In addition it authorizes a strength of active permanent general officers of the Regular Army in the Medical Corps equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent of the authorized active commissioned strength of the Medical Corps of the Regular Army. Of a total authorized strength of active general officers there is authorized 50 per cent in the grade of major general and 50 per cent in the grade of brigadier general.

It provides for promotion lists in the Medical Department as follows: The Medical Corps Promotion List, the Dental Corps Promotion List, the Veterinary Corps Promotion List and the Medical Service Corps Promotion List. Of the total authorized



Major General NORMAN T. KIRK
The Surgeon General of the Army

promotion list strength for the entire Army, there is authorized 8 per cent in the grade of colonel, 14 per cent in the grade of lieutenant colonel, 19 per cent in the grade of major, 23 per cent in the grade of captain, 18 per cent in the grade of first lieutenant and 18 per cent in the grade of second lieutenant.

The authorized number in each of the several grades in each of the several promotion lists is to be prescribed by the Secretary of War by a schedule of percentages in grades for that list, which schedule of percentages may be different for each

promotion list. However, a saving clause provides that irrespective of any vacancy in any grade, except general officers and colonels, whenever an officer whose name is carried on any recommended list under provision of this section completes for promotion purposes the prescribed number of years in the grade of first lieutenant, captain and major, the authorized number of officers in the grade of captain, major and lieutenant colonel, respectively, in the applicable promotion list shall be temporarily in-

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Army Experiments With Control of V-2 by Radio

(CNS)—In quest of an ocean-spanning guided missile, rocket experts in the United States will devote the remainder of this year to perfecting flight control of the giant V-2 rocket developed by the Nazis.

By May, Army officials said the initial stock of V-2s brought here from Germany will be exhausted. But experimental firing of another 25 missiles this year is guaranteed by parts manufactured by American firms coupled with other equipment captured in Germany.

This program will emphasize research in control methods, according to Brig. Gen. H. B. Sayler, head of the Research and Development Division of the Army Ordnance Department, and Lt. Col. Harvey Rivkins, observer of V-2 firings at the White Sands, N. M., test site.

If they were not concerned about where the 14-ton V-2 landed, the rocket experts say they could fire is considerably higher than the 114-mile height reached last Dec. 17.

Eventually, the army officers said, rocket experimenters must have a bigger firing range than White Sands, especially in working out the guided-missile features of the weapon.

Actual directional control of the V-2, Gen. Sayler said, is a much greater problem than that of tracking and keeping the weapon in sight.

The far-reaching V-2, of use in retaliatory attack on enemy cities, is only one of the needs, ordnance officers said. Accurate, controlled rocket flights for various other uses are needed. Some are: anti-aircraft, coast defense against enemy ships, air-to-air fire of guided missiles from one plane at another, air-to-ground delivery of guided missiles from an airplane at a city or fortification.

Letterman Babies Honored in Bronze Memorial Plaques

Two Letterman born babies who grew up to be national heroes and give their lives in the service of the country were honored on Thursday last with the placing of bronze memorial plaques in the Post Chapel in the Presidio of San Francisco.

The plaque in memory of Major Edward L. Larner, Army Air Forces, was dedicated, in the presence of his parents, Capt. William M. Larner, U. S. Army, retired, and Mrs. Larner, and a group of friends, by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna, senior chaplain at Letterman General Hospital, while Chaplain John R. Wright, Presidio Post Chaplain unveiled the plaque for Commander Hugh R. Rimmer with his parents, Major and Mrs. Hugh Rimmer, and friends in attendance.

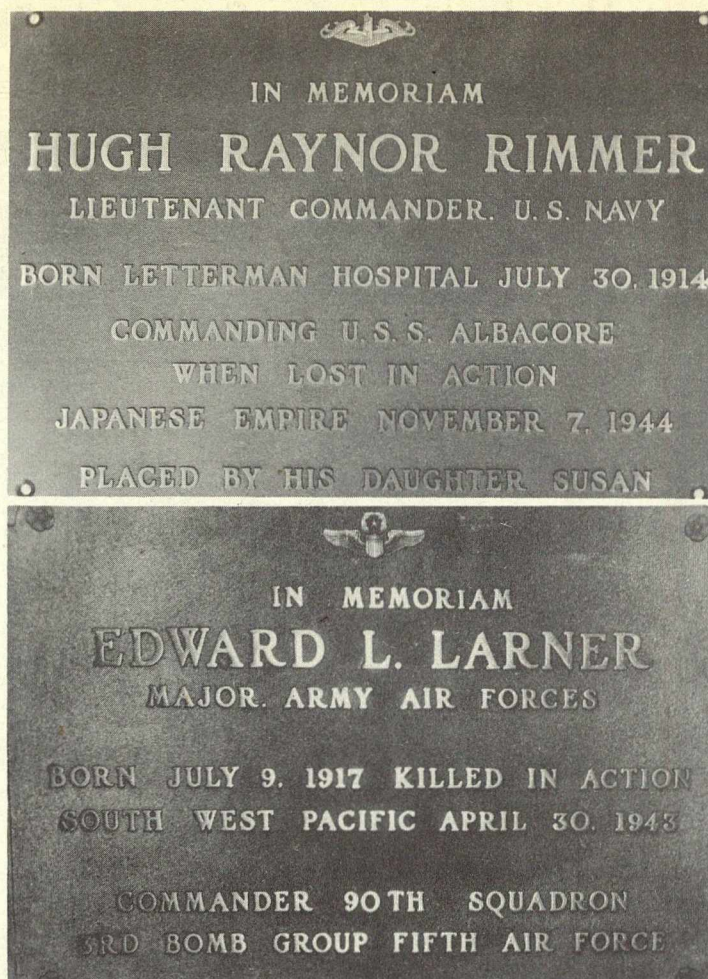
Major Larner was born here in Letterman on 9 July 1917 and attended St. Ignatius High School before going to the New Mexico Academy at Roswell, N. M. He was called to active duty in the Cavalry Reserve early in 1940 and was transferred to the Air Forces at Kelly Field in May of the same year.

In August 1942 he was ordered overseas to the southwest Pacific and served with distinction until his death in April 1943. His awards included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal.

Commander Rimmer was born at Letterman on 30 July 1914 and attended Galileo High School and the West Point Prep School at Fort Winfield Scott before entering the Navy Academy at Annapolis with the Class of 1937.

His last command with the USS "Albacore" a submarine lost in action against the enemy. The official Navy Department on the loss of the ship says: "The 'Albacore' with Lt. Commander Hugh Raynor Rimmer, in command, left Pearl Harbor on 24 October 1944, fueled at Midway on 28 October and left for patrol the same day. Her area was northeast of Hondshu and south of Hokkaido, and because of the danger of mines, she was ordered to stay outside of waters less than 100 fathoms deep.

"She was to depart her area at sunset on 5 December and due back at Midway about 12 December. When the ship had not been heard



MEMORIAL PLAQUES HONOR WAR HEROES
These bronze plaques were placed in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, last week, to honor the memory of two war heroes killed in action: Lieutenant Commander Hugh R. Rimmer, U. S. Navy, and Major Edward L. Larner, Army Air Forces.

MORE ON LEGISLATION

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creased, if necessary, to authorize the appointment in that grade of such officer and all officers of his grade and promotion list whose names appear above his on the recommended list and such officers shall be simultaneously appointed

from by 21 December despite the sharpest lookout, it was reported as presumed lost. Enemy information now available indicates the submarine perished by hitting a mine."

Commander Rimmer received the Presidential Letter of Commendation, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Submarines Combat insignia with four stars for successful war patrols.

in that grade retaining among themselves their existing relative seniority.

Until December 31, 1947 initial appointments and promotions shall continue to be made in accordance with the present provisions of the integration and other laws but effective December 31, 1947 no further appointments shall be made except under the provisions of this bill.

The bill provides for promotion by selection to all grades to fill existing vacancies. However, irrespective of the existence of any vacancies promotion list officers of the line of the Army may be selected for promotion to the grade of first lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel upon the completion of three years service, seven years service, fourteen years service and twenty-one years service. However,

for the Medical Department each person appointed as an officer of the Regular Army shall at the time of appointment be credited with the amount of service equal to four years for the Medical Corps, three years for the Dental Corps and two years for the Veterinary Corps which means that an officer in the Medical Corps appointed as a first lieutenant will be promoted to the grade of captain upon the completion of three years service; to the grade of major, upon the completion of ten years service and to the grade of lieutenant colonel upon the completion of seventeen years service and is eligible for selection to the grade of colonel upon the completion of eighteen years service if vacancies do not occur in the respective grade at an earlier date.

Effective December 31, 1947, each officer of the Medical Corps, who on that date has less than four years service credit, each officer of the Dental Corps who has less than three years service and each officer of the Veterinary Corps who has less than two years service, shall be credited for promotion purposes with four years, three years and two years service, respectively.

Since the integration laws known as Public Laws 281 and 670, 79th Congress, permitted credit for appointment purposes to officers of the Medical Department equal to the difference between their age at the time of appointment and the age of twenty-five years an inequity was created for officers of the Medical Department of the Regular Army whose average age at the time of original appointment was 28 5/12 years. In order to overcome this inequity and place all officers of the Medical Department on equal footing so far as age in grade is concerned, the bill provides for the granting of credit to officers of the Medical Department commissioned between June 27, 1926 and December 28, 1945, and who had continuous active commissioned service in the Regular Army since such appointment.

Effective December 28, 1945, such officers are credited, respectively, with additional years of service as follows: Medical Corps 3 5/12 years, Dental Corps 3 1/12 years and Veterinary Corps 1 4/12 years. The service credited shall be counted for promotion and permanent seniority purposes only. No change, however, will occur in the relative permanent seniority standing of any officer who held a commission in

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



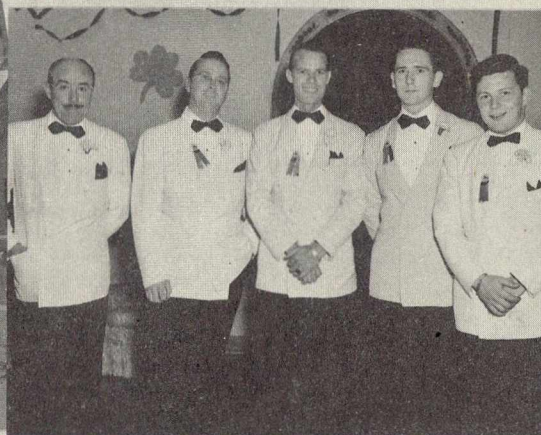
EDWARD L. LARNER
Major Army Air Forces



HUGH RAYNOR RIMMER
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy



HE SANG WITH A BROGUE
And why not, at the St. Patrick's Day party?



MEET THE COMMITTEE
For the St. Patrick's Day detachment party. L. to R.: T/Sgt. William Stewart, Sgt. Bob Bisbee, Cpl. Dick Wilson, Pfc. Kenneth Dick, Cpl. David Gilder.



THE WILSON TWINS
Danced and sang for the crowd at the detachment March 17 party.

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EDITORIAL

(CNS)

The initials appearing above within parentheses should be familiar to most of our readers because it is the "signature" of Camp Newspaper Service and the source of material for much which appears in print in the FOGHORN.

Camp Newspaper Service clip sheets carry no mastheads and there is no individual publicity for the men behind the sheet. Some of the writers rate a "by line" occasionally and the feature writers rate it regularly but the "top hands" never get a mention.

Camp Newspaper Service furnishes news and features to some 1800 army papers all over the world wherever our troops are stationed. More than 1100 papers are still being published in the United States. The service papers run the gamut from the "Stars and Stripes" down to the little mimeo paper put out by a company on detached service. It is a man sized job and real newsmen are doing it.

Not long ago we had a visit from a member of the home office staff. It was a friendly call and he wanted to know what more CNS could do to help us in our job of publishing our paper. We could only mention that the clip sheet reached us just after our "deadline" and the prompt comment on that was "We will air mail it to you." This week the clip sheet was here in plenty of time for

WAC

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn has discovered that the gardener's gout is worse than bowler's back. She arrived for duty Monday with a cramp in every muscle. Such is the price of a fine garden.

Ask Silvia Winer whether she succeeded in getting into The Top o' The Mark to see the view, of course.

T/3 Kathleen "Kay" Coffin is computing the time of her discharge by hours, not days, now.

We hear that "Thunder Puddle" almost failed T/3 Dorothy "Dorcas" Rosenfeld on her furlough. The parking lot doesn't seem the same without that vehicle-of-all-work.

T/3 Edith "Lost on the Morning Report" Rullman is all smiles because of her recent transfer to the Operating Room.

How does S/Sgt. Jo Porter manage all those Bingo cards at the NCO Club? Even one makes us dizzy.

Nice People Dept: T/4 Hannah Goldberg of Educational Reconditioning.

Wouldn't you like to hear T/3 Billie Maples and T/5 Carolyn Powers in a southern accent contest?

T/4 Emma "Emmy" Ghormley deserves orchids for her nice sense of humor; she takes a razzing beautifully and doesn't bear malice.

Have you seen T/4 Ruby McAtee's clever lapel pin? It is a pendant hanging from a fleur-de-lis, with a watch concealed on the under side of the pendant. Veddy veddy smart. Rose Ruscak gets caught up on her reading and sunbathing at the same time.

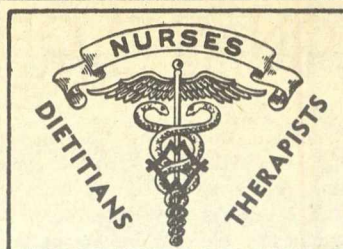
Jessie "You-All" Barnes is now in Separation Counseling.

Thanks, Medical Section, for a wonderful St. Patrick's party. The recent detachment parties have been the high entertainment spot of the month.

It is an accepted law of ethics that punishment in the Court of Conscience, unlike that in Courts of Law, lessens with each repeated and unrebuked offense.—Joseph S. Auerbach.

us to take advantage of late news releases.

CNS hands out an occasional "Pat on the Back" to some of the camp papers receiving the service. We would like to reverse that procedure and give a "Pat on the Back" to CNS.



Lieutenant Colonel Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse at Letterman, is in Washington attending a 10-day conference of Chief Nurses. She is expected back April 5.

In Los Angeles enjoying a 10-day leave is Lieutenant Gladys Compton, ANC.

Captain Edith S. Grimes is in Portland, Oregon, on emergency leave, called there by the serious illness of her father-in-law.

Welcomed to Letterman this week was a new member of the dietitians staff, 1st Lieutenant Eunice Moratz. Lieutenant Moratz has recently returned from overseas duty in Germany, and was on leave at her home in Hartford, Wisconsin, before coming to duty at Letterman.

First Lieutenant Muriel Davidson, who in 1940 was the first Reserve officer in the Army Nurse Corps to be appointed to Letterman, returned to duty here this week. She has been on overseas duty, then at Bushnell General Hospital, and finally a patient here at Letterman, since she left during the war.

A group from the Physical Therapy department spent last Sunday enjoying themselves in Marin County. Lieutenants Beatrice Sandhoff, Marjory Ferrell, Ruth Wall, Frances DuPrez, Leath Shaffer and Miss Nancy Cook went to Point Reyes in Lieutenant Shaffer's car, had Sunday breakfast at Inverness Lodge; spent the afternoon in exploratory driving and had dinner at Calistoga.

First Lieutenant Margaret Graham, ANC, recently returned from overseas duty in Germany with the 98th General Hospital, was welcomed to Letterman last week.

Going off the gold standard isn't usually a matter for congratulations, except when you're in the Army. This week Aileen Lasse of Physical Therapy went off the gold standard, and is now 1st Lieutenant Lasse. She is receiving congratulations on her new silver status.

You can only govern men by serving them. The rule is without exception.—Victor Cousin.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 23 March, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

"Army Talk" Now Available by Subscription

"Army Talk," a weekly discussion guide prepared by the War Department Information and Education Division, may be purchased now by individuals and civilian organizations from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

"Army Talk" is distributed by the War Department for the purpose of providing background material to be used by discussion group leaders throughout the Army for use in the weekly Troop Information Program. Enough factual material on topics of current interest to members of the Armed Forces is contained in each issue of "Army Talk" to provide a one hour discussion.

Titles of recent "Army Talk" include:

"What Does the Soldier Get?"

"Our Reorganized Army."

"Our National Guard."

"Universal Military Training."

"The Army Air Forces—Organization."

"A New World in the Atom."

Single copies of "Army Talk" may be ordered for five cents each, and yearly subscriptions for \$2.50. Purchases of 100 or more copies of an individual issue, or subscriptions for 100 or more copies shipped to a single address will be granted a discount of 25 per cent.

WAC OF THE WEEK



PATRICIA NACEY
Technician Fourth Grade

Versatile is definitely the word for Pat Nacey. Before she joined the WAC she engaged in civilian occupations that ranged all the way from modeling clothes to working in a glue factory. The glue factory gets the award for brevity, because Pat stayed only two days, then tore herself away to seek better-scented surroundings.

She has also worked in a credit office, acted as companion to an elderly woman and accompanied her on trips, been cashier in a theatre, worked in a railroad office, and been a vocalist with an orchestra. Looks as though "versatile" is an understatement.

Since March 1945 she has been limited in her activities to those prescribed by Army orders. She joined the WAC in St. Paul, Minnesota, her home town, and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for basic training and hospital technician training. This followed by an assignment to Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, where she worked in the Eye Clinic. She also helped entertain the patients as one of the entertainment unit that put on shows in the wards. Pat played the piano and sang.

In December 1945 she was sent to Camp Haan, at Riverside, California, and the following March came to Letterman. She is in the EENT Clinic her, with duties in the Eye Clinic. She enjoys being in San Francisco; says it 'has lots of charm.'

When Pat receives her discharge, which will be in May, she wants to loaf for a while, preferably by taking the first boat to Shanghai, and then plans to return to school in the Fall. She wants to go either to Cal or to the University of Minnesota, and in her studies will concentrate on music and psychiatry.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Arthur Douglas of Los Angeles, who is a patient on ward B-2, claims he takes a lot of ribbing from the other patients on the ward, on account he's the only one among them who's making the Army a career. He's already finished 50 per cent of his first 20 years, so he ought to have all the data necessary for doing a little quiet recruiting on the side.

David Goff of ward D-1 is from Riverside, California, and when he's on duty he's stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Says he likes to read to pass the time while he's in the hospital, and on his list of favorites is the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam."

When you see Jake Kaiser of ward 1 on the ramp these days he's happily announcing that it won't be long now, he'll be getting out of the hospital in a couple of weeks.

James Hamilton of ward B-2 is ever-ready with entertaining stories about his fellow-patients, between those flying week end trips to Monterey.

Three points of similarity link Frank Caringella of ward 14 with Frank Sinatra of the swoon technique. Their first names are the same; they both have two children, and they both sing. In fact, on the ward Frank Caringella is known as "Sinatra the Second."

John Hanks of Richland, Washington, who is a patient on ward D-1, was dividing his time the other afternoon between reading W. R. Burnett's novel "Romelle," and working on his model plane. The plane is being painted a fire red. Looks as though "Red Devil" would be a good name for it.

Herman Reed of ward D-1 says he calls Richmond, California, his home now, but he's a wanderer at heart. Left his home in Arkansas when he was 15, and has been traveling ever since. He's been back home only once during that time. He was about to make the acquaintance of "The New Yorker" magazine the other day, and that may result in giving him more ideas about traveling an eastern direction. It's certain to give him a lot of laughs.

Floyd Foster of ward B-2 was happy about his impending discharge the other day, and announced that he would take off for his home in Wichita, Kansas—but fast—as soon as it came through.

Melvin Holland of ward 14 was ignoring all nearby conversation on the ward the other day, and concentrating on his game of solitaire—Klondike was the game he was playing, and he was determined to win.

Frank Soto of ward C-2 has been on an extended furlough, which he spent at his home in Hayward, and Eddie Leandro of ward 1 has also been enjoying a long furlough, at his home in Modesto. Talking on the ramp the other day with Pete Vietti of ward C-2, they complained that too many of their friends had left the hospital while they were gone. Eddie is still taking a ribbing because he made the unusual error of returning from furlough one day early. He'll probably never live that down.

Jack McCartan of Buffalo, N. Y., who is stationed at Fort Mason, is a patient on ward D-1. He enjoys Jack London's books, and was reading some of his short stories the other day.

Robert Pearson of ward D-1 is going to swear off working on roofs after what happened to him at Camp Stoneman. It seems he fell about 40 feet to the ground, and he blames it on the fact that he was wearing new shoes. He expects to be in the hospital several months, and the other day was reading "Time" magazine, cheerfully remarking that he now had plenty of time for "Time."

Irving Mannes of ward 1 was mighty happy about his new combat jacket, which he acquired this week, and was reported to be modeling it during visiting hours in the various wards.

The unexpected happened to Woodrow Silverthorn of ward K-2 recently. He was one of the patients who attended the Hubbub Club show broadcast over KPO, and when the master of ceremonies spotted him in the audience he called him up front to kiss a 17-year-old girl who appeared on the program and stated that she had never been kissed. Silverthorn didn't mind the idea at all—he thought it was a good one—but he didn't care to have an audience for the occasion. He went through with it, though, and since then he has a new name around the hospital—Romeo! There is no data available as to what the girl on the program may have called him.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



RALPH LANGNER
Private First Class

Ralph Langner, who is on duty in the Chaplain's office at Crissy Field, entertains the comforting belief that if you have a 'cheery attitude toward life, things will come out all right.'

When he came to Letterman, Ralph had intended to study for the ministry when he left the Army, but since he has been here, he has changed his mind, and now intends to enter the field of medicine. One of his five brothers is a doctor, and another intends to begin his premed work when Ralph does. They plant to go to the University of Iowa.

Ralph was born at Storm Lake, Iowa, and before he came into the Army a year ago, had begun college work at Iowa State. He had basic Army training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and went to Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for dental technicians' training. He came to Letterman in October of last year.

Part of his work in the Chaplain's office is answering the questions of patients returning from overseas, most of whom are here only briefly before going on to other hospitals. Last week when a ship arrived bringing more than 300 patients from Japan, Korea and Manila, there were so many questions that required the same answer—such as "When do I get paid?"—that Ralph wished he had a recording of the answer, to save repetition on his part.

Besides his work in the Chaplain's office, Ralph helps out at the "Y" in the evening.

In the field of sports, Ralph likes basketball, baseball and track. He makes hand-tooled leather purses and billfolds, and recently made a purse as a gift for his mother.

CIVIL CIRCLES

They're calling Mary Bensen "Madame President" now. This week she was elected president of the girls' division of her club, the Young Christian Association.

Lillian Jones of Dental Clinic was seen going the wrong way on a one-way street in San Francisco last week. Must be because Lillian is from Burlingame, where you can go any way you like on all the streets. Well, maybe not ANY way. However, no casualties—no traffic violation ticket, so all is well.

Irma Musumeci, who was formerly in the 201 record office at Letterman, dropped in for a visit last week, and brought her six-month-old baby with her. Muchi, as she was known in the record office, left two years ago.

The wearing of the green was the order of the day on Monday, March 17, and St. Patrick was especially well-commemorated by Helen Diez, who not only wore a shamrock, but a green dress and green hat as well. Seems the wearing of the hat caused so much comment that she removed it as soon as she left the hospital. It was quite a hat.

Isabelle Cannon of Officers' Personnel is a patient at Children's Hospital, suffering from a severe case of German measles.

Joyce Brodie, formerly of Civilian Personnel, and her husband, Dexter, are the proud parents of a son born March 13, making the 13th a lucky day for them. The baby has been named Peter Edward.

Lillian Taylor of the Registrar's office has been busy entertaining Capt. Bernard Ceraldi formerly of the Letterman staff, who is in San Francisco on a visit during his terminal leave.

Leslie Shaver of Orthopedic Brace Shop has resigned and he and his wife, Marian, who has been working at the Presidio, are going to his home in Iowa for the summer.

Since 50 civilian employees of Letterman took the Civil Service examination for Clerk given this week on the post, Letterman furnished four monitors for the examination—Warren Conlin, Mary Bensen, Helen Lund and Mary McFadden.

Father: "Sonny, I'm going to tell you a story."

Four Year Old: "Okay, George, but keep it clean; the old lady may hear you."

VIVACIOUS VIRGINIA OLSON LENDS GLAMOR AND GAIETY TO THE "Y"



Miss VIRGINIA OLSON
Secretary to the "Y" Executive Secretary

Glamorous is just one of the words for Miss Virginia Olson, who is secretary to H. A. "Pop" Loomis, executive secretary of the Presidio Y.M.C.A. This is probably one of the few times that Pop's initials have been revealed, and even persistent inquiry failed to elicit just what names those initials stand for, because like a good secretary, Virginia can keep a secret, and those names are classified as "confidential." Besides, is there anyone who doesn't know him as "Pop?"

Virginia's cloudy dark hair and engaging smile are well known to Letterman patients. They always find her ready to answer questions, help them locate friends or relatives, or even sew on a button. It is reported that lots of these requests are made only in order to have an excuse to talk to Virginia, and that's easy to believe.

She is a native Californian, born in Vallejo, but has lived most of her life in San Francisco. She says that she and her father are "cliff-dwellers," living on one of the city's higher hills. She attended Heald's Business College, and also went to San Francisco State College

for a time.

Before coming to the Presidio "Y" Virginia worked for the Rotary Club, for the Navy, and for the main Metropolitan "Y" in San Francisco. Her present work rates highest with her, with never a dull moment on the job.

One of her extra-curricular activities at the "Y" is acting for radio. She is in the cast of the weekly "Who's Guilty?" radio show which is broadcast every Thursday to Letterman patients over Station KLGH. She has definitely not been "typed" as an actress, because so far she has played all kinds of parts on the show, from the heroine to the murdered woman. Maybe one of these days she'll be the one who's guilty, who knows?

Virginia likes swimming and shows, and keeping house, though the latter is not an addiction, she says. She wears a handsome turquoise ring, and when she was asked if she knew about the story which says that if turquoise changes color when you wear it, it proves you're fickle, she said "Mine changes color!" And a split-second later, "But I'm not fickle!"



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald J. Heiman, a boy, **Leslie August**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 11 March.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. William Lee, a girl, **Deana Mae**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 11 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. William W. Pope, a boy, **John William**, weight 8 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 12 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray J. Hughes, a boy, **Jeffery Jackson**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 14 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. De Witte Jobe, a girl, **Kathleen**, born 14 March.

To T/5 and Mrs. Bion Norris Beal, a girl, **Linda Joyce**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 18 March.

The Army has a proposition for you. See the Recruiting Officer.

This week in SCIENCE

CNS — A new camera that develops and prints its own pictures in 50 seconds was demonstrated recently by the Polaroid Corporation. The camera is expected to revolutionize modern photography, and will be a special boon to amateurs who usually are uncertain about results after the shutter is clicked.

Polaroid's fast pictures are up to present standards in quality. If the print does not satisfy the photographer, he may snap another "shot" and secure better results almost immediately.

CNS—After 30 years of nutritional experiments with rats, Dr. Henry C. Sherman, of Columbia University's chemistry department, has concluded that with proper diet, the life span of children born today can be extended seven years beyond the normal 70-year expectancy.

Rats were used for the tests because their diets and nutritive processes are similar to those of humans. They also have a natural life cycle short enough to permit full-life experiments.

Dr. Sherman contends that the "proper diet" does not exclude any delicacy from the normal person's daily fare, but merely accentuates certain foods over others. High on his recommended list are "lots of fruit, milk, and vegetables—especially kale, cabbage, and broccoli."

Magic of Music May Help Erase Unfair Prejudice

(CNS)—Rockefeller's gift of East River real estate for a world capital site was a lucky break for the United Nations. Irving Caesar's songs may turn out to be another valuable piece of property for the UN.

Caesar grew up on Manhattan's East Side. His background was not evident in his early collaboration with George Gershwin on "Swanee," or in "Tea for Two," which he wrote with Vincent Youmans. But something of the "Sidewalks of New York" comes through in a set of 19 new songs. Irving Caesar likes to call "International Tools."

New York City, in Caesar's youth, already was known as the "melting pot of the world." The Constitution of the United States, "to . . . establish justice, insure domestic tranquility . . . promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty . . ." was working under extreme conditions of religious and national differences. One of the lessons the "Sidewalks" taught Caesar is used as the theme of "Thomas Jefferski."

I have a little friend whose name ends with a "ski,"

And yet my little friend looks just like you and me;

Last night I asked my father why a name like that should be,

And this is what my father said as I sat upon his knee—

Refrain

A "ski," a "witz," or "cu," when added to a name

Just teaches us the family or town from which it came.

A name like Thomas Jefferson in some lands o'er the sea

Would not be Thomas Jefferson, but Thomas Jefferski;

Or "Jefferwitz" or "Jefferoff" or maybe "Jeffercu"—

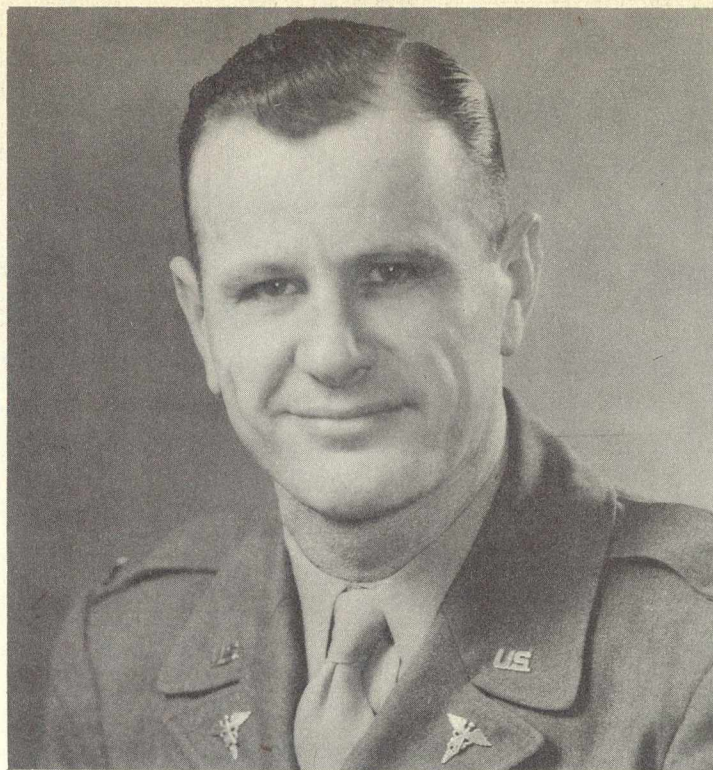
So do not let a "ski" or "off" or "witz" seem strange to you.

I feel the same toward every name, no matter how it ends,

For people with the strangest names can be the best of friends.

"Thomas Jefferski" is recorded in the "Song of Friendship" album—originally intended for children. Fanny Hurst wrote, "Sing a Song of Friendship" might classify as a juvenile . . . It might also classify as adult reading, as textbook, musical album, documentary reading and singing for men, women and their children."

THE PROVOST MARSHAL WEARS THAT STAR—BUT IT'S A STAR SAPPHIRE



1st Lieutenant IVER McCALL, MAC
Provost Marshal at Letterman

First Lieutenant Iver McCall, Letterman's Provost Marshal, who came here in December, was Provost Marshal at two other Army hospitals, so he is thoroughly experienced in maintaining law and order in the military manner. He served in that capacity at Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park.

He does not wear a star as the badge of his law-enforcement office, but he does wear a star-sapphire ring, which perhaps could be considered to have occupational significance as well as ornamental value. Lieutenant McCall is in charge of 40 detachment men, who serve as interior guards under the office of the Provost Marshal.

He is a native of Ord, Nebraska, but spent most of his life in Sioux City, Iowa. Before coming into the Army he did railroading and ranching, and was later field manager for a California sugar company. He has been in the Army since 1942, and after being inducted at Monterey, and receiving basic training at Camp White, Oregon, was assigned to the Medical Detachment, 362nd Regiment, 91st Infantry Division. He served at Camp Adair, Oregon,

before going overseas in the spring of 1944 as first sergeant of his detachment.

He was first in North Africa, later in Italy and Yugoslavia. During the time the division was engaged in its heaviest combat, Lieutenant McCall was commissioned on the field, as a lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps.

Lieutenant McCall tells of the difficulties encountered in evacuating casualties during the action in the Apennine Mountains in Italy. Long litter hauls of two or three miles were sometimes necessary to get casualties to points where vehicles could be used.

In 1945 he returned to the states, himself a patient, and was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver. On his return to duty he went to Dibble General Hospital. Lieutenant McCall wears the combat medical badge, two battle stars and the Bronze Star medal.

When he has time, he enjoys fishing and hunting, but a little matter of commuting daily to Belmont doesn't leave him much leisure for sports. He and his wife, Patti, who works in the Eye Clinic at Letterman, live at Belmont.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

March-April classes offered by the University of California Extension Division at 540 Powell Street include the following subjects: Architecture, Art, Decorative Art, Dentistry, Dramatic Art, Economics, Education, Engineering, English, Forestry, French, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Italian, Japanese, Journalism, Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Political Science, Public Speaking, Russian, Scandinavian Languages and Literature, Science, and Spanish. For the dates and hours of these classes call ext. 4403 or stop in the E/R Office, Bldg. No. 1039.

How about a True, False Quiz? See how many of the following you can answer correctly: (Answers at bottom of page.)

1. Sea water is unhealthy to drink, but old sea ice may be thawed out and used as fresh drinking water. True or False?

2. "Curling" and "Hurling" are both games played on ice. True or False?

3. An ice-capped mountain cannot be a live volcano. True or False?

4. Plastic fabrics have been developed which resemble genuine fur in warmth as well as in appearance. True or False?

5. A cold in the head is more common in the spring than in the winter. True or False?

6. EM stands for Enlisted Man. True or False?

7. EM stand for Educational Manual. True or False?

ANSWERS:

1. True.

2. False 'Hurling' is a game played on a field, like field hockey.

3. False.

4. True.

5. False.

6. True.

7. True.

What does EM mean to you? Does it mean Enlisted Man, or Educational manual? to the E/R Office, it means that an Enlisted Man may borrow an Educational Manual on a library-loan basis. Not only may an EM borrow an EM, but all military personnel may have the same privilege. The books cover high school level subjects, technical subjects, and college level subjects.

A pretty girl is like a melody; after you marry her you have to face the music!



(CNS)—Now that the National Collegiate Athletic Association members have signed the purity pledge banning proselytizing and subsidizing football stars, the migrations of Johnny Papit seem strange. The Philadelphia high school ace, after announcing he had accepted a West Point appointment, listed a long line of colleges and universities which had made him offers. Latest report has him forsaking the Cadets to play under Bill Dudley at Virginia next fall.

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Racketeers Get Rapped

Sports fans in the mood to hang the rap on bribers, gamblers and racketeers threatening the future of both professional and amateur competition have gained at least a small measure of satisfaction. The conviction of three New York gamblers—David (Pete) Krakauer, Harvey Stemmer and Jerome (Jerry) Zarowitz—on charges of conspiracy in the notorious professional football "fix" case is an encouraging sign.

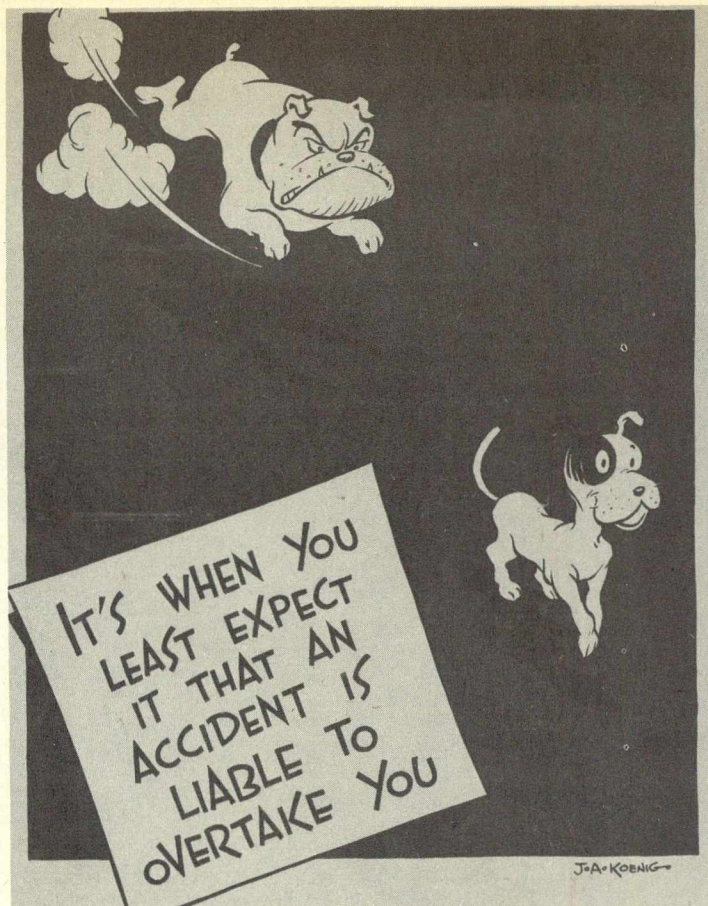
Stemmer, previously convicted and sentenced in the Brooklyn College basketball scandal in 1944, and Krakauer, regarded as the big operator in the gambling ring, each face maximum prison terms of 13 years and \$10,000 fines. Both were found guilty of bribery as well as conspiracy. Zarowitz, guilty only of conspiracy, faces a maximum of three years in prison. Sentence will be imposed April 2.

Alvin J. Paris, the Broadway playboy whose "squeal" when put under pressure by the D.A., brought about the conviction of the other three men, was found guilty of bribery at an earlier date and will be sentenced on April 7.

Testimony that Merle Hapes and Frank Filchock, backfield stars of the New York Giants, accepted \$500.00 each as a payoff, is expected to keep them out of pro football for all time to come. Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Football League had suspended them shortly after the "fix" story broke in the newspapers.

Baseball Blabberers

Two of baseball's biggest blabber mouths—ebullient Larry MacPhail and volatile Leo Durocher—have been hitting the headlines with their customary regularity of late. The new development is that they are tossing verbal brickbats at each other. Not content with throwing scathing slurs at the teams they head—Lippy Leo belittling the Yanks and Larry reducing the Dodgers to cellar occupants without Pete Reiser—the one-time "pals" have done some personal blistering.



MORE ON LEGISLATION

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any of these corps on December 28, 1945.

The bill provides that on July 1, 1948, or at the earliest practicable date thereafter, Regular Army officers shall be promoted and appointed in the grades of 1st lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel to fill initial requirements which exist in those respective grades. In the case of all Medical Department Promotion Lists owing to the present reduced strength of the various corps there now exists a number of vacancies which means that officers presently in the various corps of the Medical Department, those being integrated and the ones to come into the service after December 31, 1947 may look forward to more rapid promotion than has ever heretofore existed in the Medical Department of the Army.

In addition to promotion to permanent grades in the Regular Army, the bill provides for promotion to temporary rank whenever the number of permanent appointments in

the grades of colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, captain and first lieutenant, respectively, is less than the number authorized in these grades in such promotion list.

The bill likewise provides that from time to time officers of the reserve components of the United States Army may with their own consent be ordered to active Federal duty for such length of time as the President may prescribe and that when the total number of officers serving on active duty, Regular Army, and all officers of the Army of the United States of any component, exceeds the authorized active commissioned strength of the Regular Army, the Secretary of War shall determine the requirements in each of the several grades and temporary promotions are authorized for officers of these components to fill these requirements.

It is anticipated that there will exist in the Medical Department of the Regular Army 1900 vacancies in the Medical Corps, 370 vacancies in the Dental Corps, 10 vacancies in the Veterinary Corps and 440 vacancies in the Medical Service Corps.

Even though all of these vacan-

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Responding to the demands of many veterans, the Federal Government has added three types of endowment policies to the National Service Life Insurance program: 20 year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65.

The feature that makes NSLI endowments attractive to many veterans is that they mature at a specified date for the face amount of the insurance. For example, if a veteran wishes to convert his term NCLI to a 20-year endowment for \$5,000, he would be able to pay up his policy in 20 years and withdraw the \$5,000 for his own use. He would have full insurance protection during the 20-year period; in event of his death prior to the policy's maturity date, his dependents would get the full \$5,000 in a lump sum or monthly installments.

Another advantage of endowments is that no matter what kind of financial difficulty the veteran may get into, the money he has saved in his NSLI policy is never subject to attachment, levy, or seizure at any time.

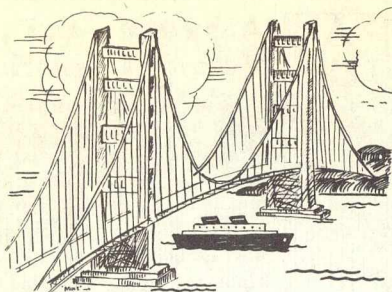
Question: "What will happen to my NSLI if I become disabled and cannot make payments?"

Answer: All NCLI policies carry a provision that protects the policy holder to this extent: if he becomes totally disabled for a six months' period or longer, he may apply for waiver of premium. Future payments will be assumed by the NSLI fund, the face value of the policy remaining the same. In addition, payments made by the policy holder after the date of disability will be refunded.

Question: "For what term of years can a VA guaranteed loan be made?"

Answer: Home and business real estate loans must be paid within 25 years; farm loans within 40 years; non-real estate loans within 10 years.

cies in the Medical Department of the Regular Army could be filled there will still be needed several thousand reserve component officers on active duty to meet the requirements in each and every corps of the Medical Department to fulfill the needs of the anticipated strength of the interim Army.



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Sixth Army Public Opinion Survey on Military Training

Results of a recent survey of public opinion on Universal Military Training conducted by Sixth Army Information Section in eight states indicate that a majority of the public favors such training, although there is a lack of understanding of the plan as proposed by the War Department.

Approximately 17,000 persons were interviewed in the following states: California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

The questions: What is the general consensus of public opinion in your community concerning Universal Military Training? In every state covered the majority opinion was favorable.

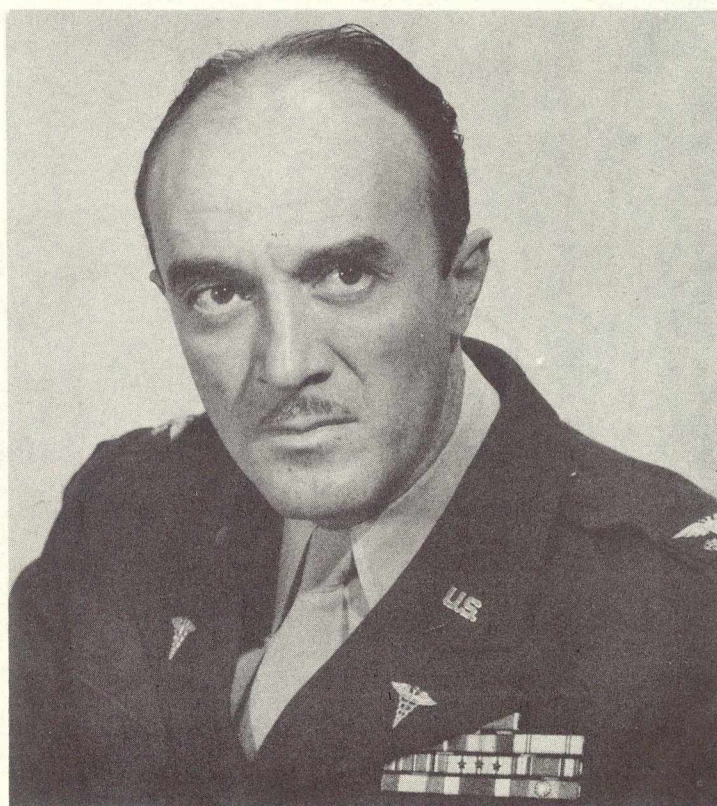
Is the plan for Universal Military Training as favored by the War Department generally understood by the public: Here the answer was "no" in every state.

What, in the opinion of your community, is Universal Military Training's chance for Congressional enactment? With the exception of Nevada, the opinion was that UMT had little or no chance for enactment.

What are the principal reasons for opinions stated for or against Universal Military training? The response showed 131 reasons in favor of the plan and 119 in opposition to it. Reasons most commonly given for opposition:

Opposed the plan, labelling it Fascism, Hitlerism, Regimentation or Militarism. Opposed it because of personal reasons—disrupting education; interfering with youths' careers. Many felt the Army to be an immoral influence on young men in their formative years.

Reasons most commonly given for



Colonel GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, MC
Director of Personnel, Office of The Surgeon General, who was a Letterman visitor this week.

favoring the plan: Need for a strong standing army for national security; so that the United States may assume its responsibility within the United Nations to foster peace; to obtain the advantageous by-products of the plan—discipline youth, curb juvenile delinquency, build character and teach citizenship to youth, attain better physical fitness in young manhood.

The survey was conducted through the Senior Instructors, ORC and National Guard, District Recruiting Commanders, Professors of Military Science and Tactics of ROTC units, and commanders of posts, camps and stations within the Sixth

Army area. Interviews were obtained by personnel of these agencies through on-the-street interviews, at social gatherings, club and organization meetings, in classrooms and at meetings specifically arranged for the purpose of obtaining the poll.

The survey touched persons of varied interest and backgrounds: rich, poor and those of moderate means; white and Negro; Catholic and Protestant; laborers and professional workers; men and women; city and country; educational groups; local and state government officials; veterans and non-veterans; military and non-military.

Surgeon General's Personnel Director Visits Letterman

Colonel George E. Armstrong, Director of Personnel in the office of the Surgeon General, was a Letterman visitor for two days this week in connection with personnel affairs. He also made visits to the headquarters, 6th Army, the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and the San Francisco Medical Depot.

The proposed Congressional cut in the budget figure allotted to the War Department will entail reduction in the activities now carried on by the Medical Department but Colonel Armstrong quoted the Surgeon General as pledging no change in the service rendered the sick and wounded in army hospitals. If cuts must come it will be done in the allied divisions of the department.

It is expected there will be reduction in the number of medical supply depots located in strategic areas throughout the country, with the possibility that the St. Louis depot will be the sole survivor. A reduction in the training schedule for personnel is also envisaged and the work of the medical research council will be seriously hampered.

A general lightening of the patient load in general and station hospitals as time goes on will permit the later reduction in personnel but neurosurgical and orthopedic cases will require prolonged hospitalization before the men can be returned to a duty status or transferred to the care of the Veterans Administration.

Colonel Armstrong left on Tuesday evening by Air Transport Command "Statesman" for the return flight to Washington.

LGH OUT PATIENT SERVICE TREATS 170 PATIENTS A DAY

An average of 170 patients a day receive treatment in the Out Patient Service at Letterman, and during 1946 nearly 100,000 procedures were performed, of which more than 50,000 were treatments.

Activities of the service are carried on under the direction of Colonel Leonard Swanson, Chief of Out Patient Service. He is assisted by a staff of officers, enlisted personnel and civilians. Colonel Swanson is also in charge of the medical staff of the hospital's Receiving Office.

As indicated by the volume of work performed, there is a constant stream of patients in and out of the "waiting corridor," but the work of the service is carried on smoothly and swiftly, without confusion. According to members of Colonel Swanson's staff, he is so well-liked that "it is a pleasure to work with him," which doubtless accounts for the smooth functioning of the staff as an efficient unit.

The list of functions of the Out Patient Service is a formidable one. The service is responsible for out patient care of all active duty military personnel of Letterman, retired military personnel, and dependents. Civilian employees, when entitled of such treatment, as in the case of emergencies, are also given out patient care.

Sick call treatment is given officers, members of the Army Nurse Corps, WACs, and enlisted personnel of Letterman, and also personnel of certain outlying military installations for whom no other service exists.

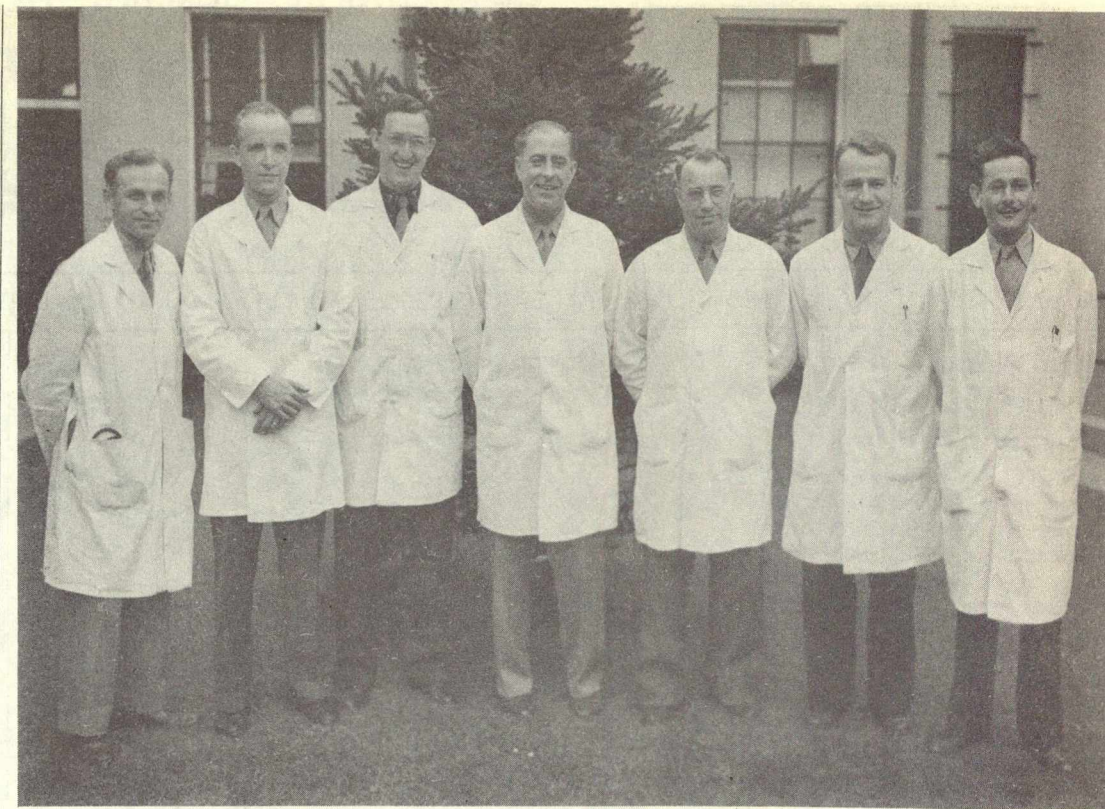
The service does monthly physical examinations of all enlisted personnel, as well as initial physical examinations on applicants for civil service positions at Letterman. They also take care of the periodical physical examinations of food handlers. Military personnel ordered on overseas duty are given physical examinations.

The Out Patient Service also performs all separation physical examinations on officer and enlisted personnel leaving the service. This includes Letterman duty personnel and hospital patients.

Inoculations are given to all members of the command when required, and this includes inoculation of military personnel and dependents prior to overseas travel.

A medical officer is on call 24 hours a day to make home calls on personnel entitled to such service.

Performance of these varied func-



MEMBERS OF OUT PATIENT STAFF

Colonel Leonard Swanson and members of his medical staff. L. to R.: Captain Paul Kirch, Capt. David M. Jordan, 1st Lt. Merlin P. Southwick, Col. Swanson, Lt. Col. Lawrence B. Hanson, 1st Lt. John L. Piel, Capt. Jose Pietri.

tions requires a large volume of paper work. Complete records are maintained on each patient treated—complaints, finding, laboratory data, prescribed medications, etc. All data concerning the case is recorded, and referred to on each visit.

Index files are maintained on officer personnel—duty or patient status—currently on quarters or sick leave status. The service is responsible for the necessary work-up for presentation of duty officers before Disposition Boards. It also prepares papers entailed for admission to the hospital of active duty, terminal leave officers (when authorized), retired military personnel, and military dependents.

Special clinics are held in Out Patient Service on various days of the week. Dermatology Clinic is Tuesday and Thursday; Gynecology Clinic on Tuesday; General Surgery Clinic on Wednesday; Orthopedic Clinic on Thursday; Neurology Clinic on Friday. Monday and Saturday are given over to patients requiring general care.

Colonel Swanson, who has been

Chief of Out Patient Service since December 1945, is a graduate of the University of California Medical School. He was commissioned in the Army in 1930, with his first station at Letterman. After a two-year tour of duty as transport surgeon on the USAT "Grant," he returned to Letterman for four years and then went to the Office of The Surgeon General. In 1942 he was assigned to the 14th Evacuation Hospital, which he trained and took overseas to the China-Burma-India theater. Returning to the United States in 1945, he came again to Letterman and his present assignment.

Eight Medical Corps officers assist the Chief of Out-Patient Service in the performance of the work outlined. Lt. Colonel Lawrence B. Hanson is assistant to the chief. The other members of the medical staff are: Captain David M. Jordan, Captain Paul Kirch, 1st Lieutenant John L. Piel, 1st Lieutenant Charles G. Malley, 1st Lieutenant Charles A. Branthaver, 1st Lieutenant Frank C. Borgnino, 1st Lieutenant Merlin P. Southwick.

Four nurses assist with Out Pa-

tient duties: Major Lois F. Kinnison, Major Anne K. Pilegard, Captain Marie L. Pace and Captain Edith E. Grimes.

The enlisted personnel assigned to the service are: S/Sgt. Carl A. Stein, who is Administrative Assistant to the chief; S/Sgt. Albert L. Vendouris, Sgt. Roy K. Muto, Pvt. Linford S. Hagey, Pvt. Oscar A. Nolasco. Two members of the WAC detachment are also on duty: T/3 Lola Mae Harvey and Sgt. Cecelia B. Grohoskey.

There are four civilian employees. Virginia De Trana is civilian supervisor. The other three civilian employees are Alta L. Lee, Shirley Strunk and Kathleen Willette.

The Out Patient Service is staffed six and one-half days a week. It is situated in the first wing south of the Administration offices, and occupies ten rooms. Two of these are taken up by the general offices, one by the Army Nurse Corps staff, and the other seven are treatment and consultation rooms. The long corridor outside the rooms is provided with comfortable seating accommodations for patients.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE AIR MEDAL

With two Bronze Stars was presented to T-Sgt. George J. Gangler of Sacramento this week by Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer. Sergeant Gangler is a patient on ward 29. His awards were for meritorious achievement during bombing missions in the Southwest Pacific Area.



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTIONS

Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, congratulates three members of the Army Nurse Corps on their promotion to first lieutenant. L to R: 1st Lts. Matilda M. Sabo, Marie Lichtenberger, Margaret Abbott.



THE WAITING ROOM

in the corridor of Out Patient Service. Patients standing are awaiting their turn at the Registration window.



PRESIDENT OF THE STAMP CLUB

Bruce Olsen of Van Nuys, California, patient on ward F-1, looks over his prize-winning stamp collection.

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EDITORIAL

HELP YOURSELF

Try as hard as you will you can't make anything unhappen. What has happened to you or because of you has happened. It is done. It is past. It is beyond recall. Nothing could be more simple in its factual clarity. Yet multitudes devote much of their waking and a lot of their sleeping lives to futile regrets and self-pity. They torture themselves wishing that something that has happened had never happened. That way lies unhappiness and waste of remaining years.

No one can enjoy being with a person who talks about troubles all the time. It is humanly impossible. If you pour your woes on a friend, it induces an unpleasant emotion in him and his mind associates the unpleasantness with you. Just because you have a friend who seems willing to listen, do not deceive yourself, for you will soon talk yourself out of the friendship.

Feelings of regret and self-pity are usually based on the belief of the individual that he is the only one who ever felt the way he feels. You are not alone! You have lots of company, and for the very same causes.

Discouragements and obstacles can be used to strengthen character as dams make it possible for rivers to generate electricity: they impede the flow but they increase the power. Defeats are inescapable;

WAC

The season of farewells is beginning again, with 1st Sgt. Audrey P. (Pat) Gordon and T/4 Ann A. (Tony) Lester being processed for separation this week. Pat, with the sparkling eyes, has been in Officer's Personnel since she arrived in September from Cushing GH, while Tony is an old timer down at the laboratory where she is a technician. Tony is even better known as a star on the basketball team. Good luck in the brave new civilian world.

Notes on Thunder Puddle: this vehicle has returned to a duty status, with its interior painted, painted we said, a shiny Turkey Red, and with its muffler missing. Shattered are the peaceful days such as we had when Dorcas Rosenfeld was on furlough.

It continues to amaze us how quickly new members of the detachment acclimate themselves: T/5 Helen Hicks has every evening filled, and its not all basketball either; the phone rings regularly for Pfc. Julette Plumley, who went to work this week in message center.

Capt. Chapin and Capt. Lassetter have a new toast—here's paint in your eye. They spent the week end wielding paint brushes in Capt. C's new quarters.

S/Sgt. Jo Porter is reported regularly visiting a male patient on Ward C-2. No scandal is involved, however, since it's her husband, Bill, the Bingo Boy of the NCO Club. Here's to a speedy recovery, Bill.

We've heard there is another gal with stars in her eyes and orange blossoms on her mind. She's a T/3, recently arrived.

First Sgt. Lois Henry, who works in the Adjutant's office, is a bowler of no mean ability.

The Service Record Section should feel lucky that S/Sgt. Violet "Vi" Hocking has signed over; she rates the salute of the week for her always pleasant manner and flashing smile.

Note to Cpl. Hillyard, Morning Report Section: If the WAC morning reports don't jibe, the fault is that of a certain good-looking master sergeant who is taking S/Sgt. Brady's mind off her work. By the way, Brady, what are you going to be doing on the 5th of May?

failures are as certain as that sparks fly upward but the side of every mountain is a valley, and by the side of every oasis is a desert.—"The Prattler," Pratt General Hospital.



Congratulations to three members of the Army Nurse Corps on their promotions from second to first lieutenant: 1st Lieutenants Margaret Abbott, Marie Lichtenberger and Matilda M. Sabo.

Major Mary C. Pollard, ANC, is enjoying an eight-day leave taking her ease at a Russian River resort.

Members of the Physical Therapy staff presented T/3 Agda Perssons Johnson with a handsome wedding gift this week.

Captain Dorothy Richter, ANC, who is on sick leave, has the sympathetic wishes of her co-workers for a quick recovery.

With all the sparkle of her new diamond, Major Verla Thompson, ANC, of EENT Clinic, has announced her forthcoming marriage to Robert Brinkman. The wedding will be on May 11 at the Presidio chapel, and the couple plan to make their home in San Francisco.

Lieutenant Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy has as her guest this week Miss Lou Hoppa of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Before Miss Hoppa returns home she plans to spend a few days in San Diego.

Lieutenant Eileen Welch of the dietitians staff returned this week from leave, which she spent at her home in New York state.

Four of the skiing enthusiasts from Physical Therapy have been enjoying themselves at Soda Springs—Lieutenants Edith Dumond, Emily Mueller, Doris Slack and Leah Crawford.

And Lieutenant Frances DuPrez of Physical Therapy has been doing her mountaineering at Yosemite.

Welcomed this week as a new member of the Army Nurse Corps staff was 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Kenny, who recently returned to the United States from Germany.

Lieutenant Leath Shaffer of Physical Therapy is about to take off on a 20-day leave, and will go north for it, with Kent, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia, on her itinerary.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 31 March, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Lenten Devotions—

Wednesday at 1630.

Friday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—
Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Have You Given Your Donation?

Personnel of Letterman have been generous in their contributions during the March Red Cross fund campaign, according to Capt. Stanley F. Ochocinsky, who is in charge of the drive for the hospital. He reminds those who have not yet made their contributions that Monday, 31 March, is the last day of the campaign.

He feels that Lettermanites need no reminder about the services of the Red Cross, but points out one aspect of their activity that is not as well known as some others.

Each month thousands of books and magazines are being furnished to Army and Navy hospitals and camps, to marine and Veterans Administration hospitals by community groups working through Red Cross Community Service to Camps and Hospitals.

Included are pocket books of all kinds, cartoon and comic books, history and biography, mystery stories, leather bound classic, songs and hymn books, desk and pocket dictionaries, encyclopedias, Bibles, crossword puzzle books, textbooks, books on vocations, children's books, medical books, "how-to-do-it" books for crafts and hobby groups, and musical instruction books. Subscriptions to the Book-of-the-Month Club are common contributions of community groups to hospitals.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOLA MAE HARVEY
Technician Third Grade

To Sergeant Lola Mae Harvey, St. Patrick's Day is more than just an occasion for the Wearing of the Green, it's also her birthday. And when asked if her ancestry's Irish, she replies "Very much so!"

This year she remarked when her birthday came round that it was her fifth one in the Army. She has been in the WAC since it had an extra "A" in its name, having joined up in October 1942. And in the five years she has served in as many states—Iowa, Maryland, Arkansas, Missouri and California.

After completing her basic training at Des Moines, she was assigned to recruiting duty with the Third Service Command headquarters at Baltimore, Maryland. In August 1943, she was sent to Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. There she was assistant to the cardiologist, and later was secretary to the chief of Medical Service.

In April of 1945 she requested and received a transfer to her home town, Springfield, Missouri, to O'Reilly General Hospital, where she was secretary for the disposition and retirement board. She remained there until the hospital closed in September of last year, when she returned to Army-Navy General Hospital. This time she was assigned to duty in the EENT Service. When the WAC detachment at that hospital was inactivated, Lola Mae came to Letterman, arriving here in February. She is secretary to Lt. Col. Lawrence Hanson of Out Patient Service.

Lola Mae's heart interest is at Stanford University. Her leisure time diversions are tennis and swimming. She has studied piano and voice, and since there is a piano in the WAC dayroom, she intends to take advantage of the opportunity for practice.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Jacob Brandfass, patient on ward F-1, was reading a copy of "Life" magazine the other morning, and pondering over the problem of his own life, which right now is involved with deciding whether or not to stay in the Army when the time comes for decision. He has been in since 1940, and has been a hospital patient for two years. His home town is Toronto, Ohio, but it's so long since he's really lived there that California seems like home now. His wife Marie is here in San Francisco, and works at the Recruiting Office at the Presidio. So naturally she'll probably be doing some recruiting and he perhaps will be deciding to stay in the Army. After all, as he says, there's only 13 years to go to retirement!

Glenn Young of ward F-1 is a confirmed Californian, and conducts lively arguments in its defense with his ward mates. And in the matter of ancestry, he feels he has a mighty unusual mixture — Pennsylvania Dutch, Irish, English and Indian. With that combination, he ought to be well-equipped to argue.

Clifford McTee is from Texas, and "I'm certainly going back there as fast as I can when I can," he says. It seems the foghorns around here are a little too noisy for him. With four going all at once on foggy nights he just can't get to sleep. What he wants is a foghorn with a silencer, so he can count those nice quiet sheep and start snoring.

George J. Gangler of ward 29 was decorated this week by Col. Dean F. Winn, Letterman's Commanding Officer, with the Air Medal with two Bronze Stars. The citation accompanying his decoration stated that it was given "For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area from 2 July 1944 to 1 September 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation."

When a group of patients on ward F-1 were trying to guess from his speech what part of the U. S. Ray Bolton came from, the guesses ranged from Brooklyn to Los Angeles. Ray just listened quietly with a

grin on his face until all the guesses were in. Then he announced happily that he was from Oakland! What's more, he was born in San Francisco.

They say Andy Everett of ward F-1 is a detective at heart. Andy is from Missouri, so it might be he's acting out that old gag about "I'm from Missouri and you've got to show me!"

On ward E-1 Leo Dierks is still beating Tony Gussardo at cribbage, but Tony is still in there pitching. He knows he'll win some day.

Al Croskell of San Diego has been a patient on ward F-1 for only two weeks, so he's still in the process of getting acquainted hereabouts.

Raymond Fieth is busy making a handsome tooled leather purse, and the other morning was having a little difficulty putting in a gusset. The bag is a deep maroon color, and very good looking, but Raymond says he wishes he hadn't made it that color. He prefers brown.

Tony Dominquez, who recently returned from overseas duty in Germany, finds Letterman the next best thing to home and mother, because home and mother are right here in San Francisco. Tony says he learned some German while he was overseas, but that he understands it a lot better than he speaks it.

When the arguments about which is the best state fly fast and furious around him, J. C. Shepperd of ward F-1 takes part amiably, but doesn't insist on bringing his state into the discussion. Says he's just a "peace-loving guy from Alabama."

Bruce Olsen, president of Letterman's Stamp Club, says the club is always ready to welcome new members, and calls attention to the fact that weekly meetings are held at the Recreation Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7 p. m.

Buxton Moore, of Oakdale, Louisiana, recently came from Camp Beale to the hospital and is now a patient on ward F-1.

William Andrews of ward F-1 is from North Carolina, and says he cut his teeth on tobacco, which is probably why he's so good at doing the chant of the tobacco auctioneer. The only thing is, he's reluctant about doing it. Still, there are witnesses who say he's tops at it. He has 25 acres in tobacco back home. Maybe he could send for some, and auction it off right on the ward.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



AL G. ZIEMBA
Corporal

This is the week when Corporal Al Ziemba can appropriately go around humming "The Anniversary Waltz," because on March 25 he completed one year in the Army. And he's glad of it, not for the reason that he's glad to have it over, but because he believes military training is "beneficial to the individual and to the country."

Some time next month Al will be heading for home and civilian pursuits. Home is Chicago, where Al's parents and his three sisters will have a chance to listen to Al and his brother (a former Navy man) argue the relative merits of the Army and Navy.

After Al's induction into the Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, he came immediately to Letterman, and has been here since last April. He was first in unit supply, and was later assigned to Message Center. "Lots of people think it's a 'messenger center,'" remarks Al, "instead of a Message Center. But our function is to distribute; not deliver."

Before he came into the Army Al worked as a lens grinder for Scientific laboratories in Chicago, and he plans to go back to that firm. He has other plans for the future, too, the main one being a wedding. He and his fiancée, Miss Bretzke, will be married in October. It seems that it's hardly necessary to mention her name, because all Al's friends at Letterman know about Doris.

Al's list of "likes" includes, besides Doris, photography, swimming, California, reading and—sleeping. He has come to like California so well in the year he's been here that he'll probably be back some day, he says. Maybe it will be on his wedding trip, who knows?

CIVIL CIRCLES

Josephine Musilli of ward H, who helps in pre-natal clinic four mornings a week, has been a Lettermanite for three years now. She was first at Dante Annex, but transferred to the main hospital when Dante was closed last June. Jo is well known to both staff and patients, and her cheerful friendliness has made her a favorite at LGH.

"Maggie" Trumpour of Finance office was on hand at the air port to say a fond good-bye recently when two Letterman friends who had received their discharges boarded a plane for Philadelphia.

When Jean Rajala celebrated her birthday on Tuesday, the lucky people in the office had cake and ice cream for the occasion.

Leonne Brennan enjoyed a 10-day spring vacation during which she drove to Seattle. She is now back on duty in Oral Surgery Section.

Jack Taylor of Civilian Personnel and his wife Julia, are the proud parents of a daughter, Jo Ann, born 19 March. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

The two bathing beauties seen frequently at the LGH pool are Gen Carson and Evelyn Webb. Gen is the one in red, and Evelyn wears yellow.

Hazel Gerken has transferred from Officers' Pay Section to Enlisted Personnel.

Pat Mockbee was right in the fashion parade the other evening when she modeled new spring fashions at the Army Daughters' Benefit Show.

And speaking of models, Evelyn Ford's daughter won a \$25 merchandise prize at a recent fashion parade at O'Connor and Moffatt's.

Richard Vowels of Pharmacy is lavish in his use of calamine lotion these days. Poison oak is his trouble, an aftermath of gardening at his home in Marin County.

Frances Clarke, with a strong sense of domestic duty, spent her day off washing windows.

Gilbert Grady spent the week end at Mount Rose, and was enthusiastic about the ski-meet he saw. One of these days he'll be entered as a contestant himself.

"Does the doctor think your wife is going to die?"

"Dunno. He told me to prepare for the worst and durned if he ain't got me guessin'."

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—FOR ONLY A DAY—JOINS LETTERMAN STAFF



1st Lieutenant VIRGINIA P. BURKHAM
One-time "Queen for a Day"

During her student days at St. Francis Hospital in her native Peoria, Lieut. Virginia P. Burkham often listened to "Fibber McGee and Molly"—the pride of her town—on a transcontinental broadcast but never dreamed that she would one day be the headliner and rate a nationwide audience.

Lieut. Burkham recently returned from a tour of foreign service in Japan and spent part of her leave of absence in southern California. One morning she and her cousin were wandering about Hollywood and decided to hear a broadcast in the making. They selected the "Queen for a Day" Program, managed to get in, settled down in a comfortable seat, and expected to enjoy the show.

The lieutenant says in retrospect that before she realized what was going on she found herself seated on the stage and in a real contest for the title. She was elected by the audience and then things really began to happen. The folks back in Peoria got a thrill out of hearing another native daughter on the radio. As "Queen" she began to warm

up under the fierce white light that beats about a throne.

Enter the royal gift bearers and one by one she was presented with a diamond ring, a pearl necklace, a lapel pin, a Westmore make-up kit, a moving picture camera, a suit, hat, shoes and accessories, a "Queen for a Day" doll, and a year's supply of Alka-Selzer. The "Queen" also had her "wish" granted but she prefers to keep that to herself for the present.

Lieut. Burkham joined the army in January 1945 and soon was on her way to the tiny island of Tinian in the Marianas group. After a short time her "wish" for a move to Japan proper came true and she was transferred to the 118th Station Hospital in Fukuoka on the island of Kyushu. As her tour of duty was approaching its end the lieutenant "wished" for a station in California and here she is.

Laying aside the raiment of royalty, Lieut. Burkham reported for duty at Letterman last week and resumed the work-a-day routine common to all mortals but she will always have the memory of having been "Queen for a Day."



To Lt. and Mrs. Phillip Johnson, a girl, **Lee Ellen**, weight 7 pound and 7½ ounces, born 17 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson Richardson, a boy, **Nelson**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 18 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. William Swinnie, a boy, **William**, weight 9 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 18 March.

To Captain and Mrs. Kenneth Hanford, a boy, **Bartlett**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 18 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clark R. Ruggles, a boy, **Neely Garison**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 21 March.

To Mr. and Mrs. Higinio J. Gallegos, a girl, **Mary Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 22 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert L. Lawton, a girl, **Shirley Anne**, born 24 March.

O. T. Exhibit

A special exhibit of work done by Letterman patients in Occupational Therapy, which was arranged for the Northern California Occupational Therapists Quarterly meeting held at LGH this week, will be held over through Monday, 31 March. It will be on view in the O. T. Shop, and Letterman personnel are invited to see the exhibit.

The display includes photographs, jewelry, ceramics, leatherwork, lucite, carpentry, weaving, hooked rugs, and yarn toys.

A deputy sheriff was sent to take an inventory of the property in a house. When he did not return for three hours, the sheriff went after him, and found him asleep on a lounge in the living room of the house. He had made a brave effort with his inventory, however; he had written down, Living room: 1 table, 1 sideboard, 1 full bottle whiskey."

Then the "full" had been crossed out, and 'half full' substituted. That was overlined, and 'empty' put in its place. At the bottom of the page, in wobbly writing, was written: "1 revolving carpet."

Judge: The next person to interrupt the proceedings will be sent home.

Prisoner: Hurrah!

MEDICAL DETACH

The past week ended a very successful season for the Letterman basketball team. In the Sixth Army tournament held at Fort Ord, the week of March 17 and 22, the Letterman team reached the semi-finals, but was defeated by a strong Fort Lewis team.

Letterman was not completely left out of the glory at the tournament, since two of the Letterman men were chosen on the all-tournament team—Captain Art Miller and the center, Dick Barnes.

Barnes also received the trophy presented to the most outstanding player. The winner of this award was decided by vote of the men who participated in the tournament.

Final statistics as the curtain rings down on the 1946-47 basketball season show 32 wins and only 10 defeats for the team. Letterman finished in the runner-up spot in the Armed Forces tournament, and went to the semi-finals in the Sixth Army tournament.

Former Letterman WAC Still Tops In Basketball

BAD NAUHEIM, GERMANY—T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton, of Sandstone, Minnesota, now on duty with Headquarters, U. S. Forces in Austria, WAC Detachment in Vienna, Austria, has taken a place among top women athletes in the European Theater as a member of the detachment basketball team.

Sergeant Eaton and her teammates toppled all opposition in their ET area to win the right to compete in the 1947 European Theater Women's Championship Basketball Tournament, held February 23 through March 1, in Darmstadt, Germany, and made an excellent showing in the event.

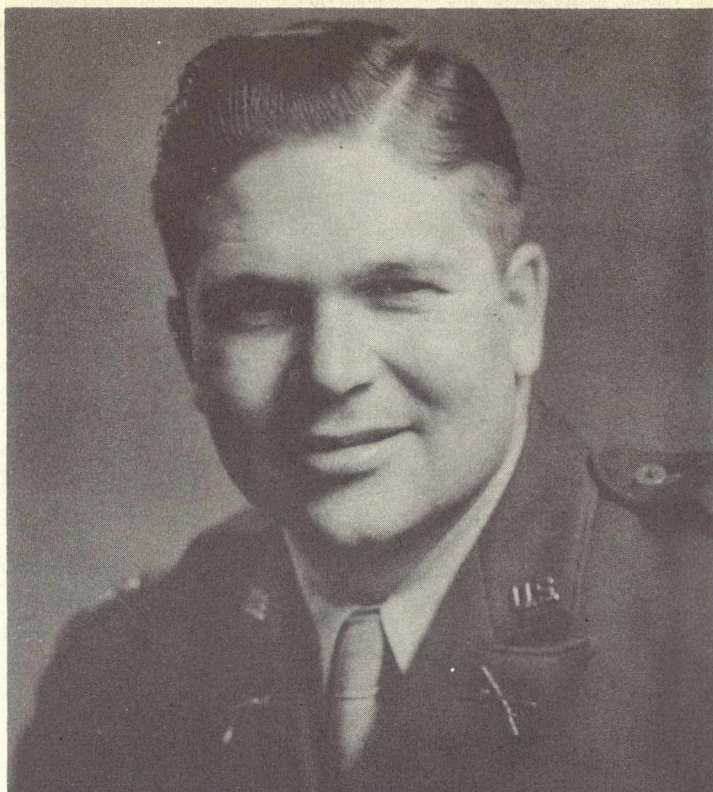
The 1947 tournament was sponsored by Continental Base Section, the organization that controls virtually all Army Service Forces in the European Theater.

Sergeant Eaton has been in the Army for almost three years and overseas since last September.

I'm looking for new faces.

Well, don't look at me—I've had this one for years.

HE LIKES MYSTERIES AND IS AN EXPERT AT SOLVING THEM



Captain LILBOURNE W. SHERROD
Letterman's Personal Affairs Officer

When Captain Lilbourne W. Sherrod was first at Letterman he was Army Ground Forces Liaison Officer, and in June 1946, when the Liaison office was combined with the Personal Affairs office, Captain Sherrod was named Personal Affairs officer. This month, while Major Manley Morrison is on leave, Captain Sherrod has temporarily taken over his duties as commanding officer of the Detachment of Patients.

Captain Sherrod is a native of Arkansas, where he attended Arkansas A & M College, but regards himself as a Californian by adoption, since he has lived here since 1938. Before he entered the Army he was a salesman with the Union Oil Company of California.

His Army career began in 1940, in Long Beach, and three weeks after his induction he was alerted for overseas duty and went to Hawaii, where he remained until May 1942. He was commissioned in a Coast Artillery Regiment of the National Guard. He served in the South Pacific until October 1943, and then returned to the United States on rotation.

In the course of assignments to

various places in the U. S., including San Diego, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Orlando, Florida; Camp Stewart, Georgia; Camp Edwards, Mass.; Camp Pickett, Va.; Camp Davis, North Carolina, and Camp Roberts, California, Captain Sherrod attended the Advanced Officers' Course, the Army Air Force School and the Infantry School. He was en route to attend a Chinese language school at Berkeley when the war ended and the class was cancelled. After he completed the basic officers' course at Camp Davis, he remained there as instructor and CO of the officers' candidate company. He came to Letterman in October 1945. In January of this year he received his commission in the Regular Army.

Captain Sherrod and his wife Margaret live at Parkmerced. They are the proud parents of an eleven-month-old daughter, Patricia Lynn. Patricia's father likes swimming and golf, and finds detective novels "restful." As a matter of fact, Captain Sherrod is an expert in crime detection via the printed page, and feels he's failed dismally if he doesn't identify the guilty person in the first 50 pages. Criminals, beware!

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Do you have your high school diploma? Whatever your answer, yes or no, the following information should hold interest for you.

Answer NO: You may secure your high school diploma by taking the GED Tests (General Educational Development Tests), High School Level, which were published by the American Council on Education. These tests are designed to measure the extent to which all of the educational experiences of the veteran, particularly his informal or self-educational experiences have contributed to his ability to "carry on" in a program of general education, or to his educational development of the type which might otherwise have resulted from attendance in a regular academic high school. The high school level battery consists of five comprehensive examinations, one for each of the fields of the social studies, the natural sciences, literature, mathematics, and English.

Answer YES: The college level battery consists of four comprehensive examinations in the social studies, the natural sciences, literature and English. These tests are intended primarily for use with service men or veterans who had completed or almost completed their high school course before entering the service or who had just begun their college education. With such individuals these tests may be used to determine whether all of their formal and informal educational experiences have given them the equivalent of the broad cultural basis for later specialization which they might otherwise have secured through comprehensive introductory or survey courses in the social studies, the natural sciences, literature and English at the freshman or sophomore college level.

No matter what your answer is, if you want to take the GED's, either for a high school diploma or college credits, stop in the Educational Reconditioning Branch Office, Bldg. No. 1039 for further information. Tests are administered daily—no time element involved, with the exception that one test must be completed at the time it is administered, and it takes approximately two hours to complete each test.

Did you know that running is good for the figure?

I should say I does. Once it kept a charge of buckshot out of mine.



(CNS)—In the spring a young man's fancy, if he is a true Kentuckian, lightly turns to thoughts of—the Derby. Residents of the Bluegrass region have only one compelling interest at this time of the year. Potential winners of the historic American turf classic are on every one's lips. Who will win the Derby is the urgent topic of discussion.

Col. Matt Winn, the 85-year-old director of the 1¼-mile test at Churchill Downs, is characteristically consistent in predicting that the 73rd running of the Derby will be the greatest ever. He has been volunteering similar predictions for more years than most people care to remember, for he has been the guiding genius of the Derby for 45 years. This year he anticipates an all-time record crowd of 125,000.

On Trust, the surprise winner of the recent Santa Anita Derby, is among the highly-regarded early favorites to win the Run for the Roses. The bay colt's triumph over W. L. Sickle, Tropical Sea and Stepfather gained him heavy backing. Jockey Johnny Longden believes the son of Alibhai-Torch Rose has good prospects of taking the Derby and following the trail set by Assault in 1946 by carrying on in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

The list of 135 eligibles for the \$100,000 Kentucky classic includes most of the nation's leading juveniles. Conspicuously missing are the names of First Flight and Education, both declared out of the competition prior to announcement of the list. Warren Wright's strong Calumet Farms entry will be led by Faultless, with Ferret, Pad Lock, Balanced and Peppy Nell in supporting roles. Wright won the Derby with Whirlaway in 1941 and Pensive in 1944.

William B. Hellis, the New Orleans sportsman who has invested millions trying to build a successful stable, has a potential winner in Cosmic Bomb, whose earnings totaled \$98,565 last year. Experts are not overlooking the possibilities of Stepfather, purchased recently by Harry Warner from Louis B. Mayer for \$200,000, or his stable mate, W. L. Sickle.

King Ranch's four-horse entry does not appear to include a worthy successor to Assault, the 1946 Triple Crown champion, although Bee Ann Mac has looked good. Mrs. Elizabeth Graham is pinning her hopes on Jet Pilot.

Out of the 135 eligibles, probably not more than 16 or 17 will go to the post. And it is equally probable, if not more so, that the winner will not be among those here mentioned. It looks like a good year for a "dark horse" to emerge triumphant, as Gallahedian did in paying off at 40 to 1 in 1940.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY—BLESSING OF PALMS—

0600 Mass, Letterman General Hospital
0800 Mass, Letterman General Hospital
0900 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady
1100 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady

TUESDAY—NOVENA DEVOTIONS—

1915, Letterman General Hospital

HOLY THURSDAY—

0800 Mass, Letterman General Hospital

GOOD FRIDAY—

No Mass on Post
Tre-Ore, 1200-1500, Letterman General Hospital

HOLY SATURDAY—

No Mass on Post
Lenten Fast Ends at Noon

EASTER SUNDAY—

Masses:
0600, 0800, Letterman General Hospital
0900, 1100, Chapel of Our Lady (High Mass—1100)
Protestant General Easter Service with Special Music—1000, Letterman Chapel
Protestant Vesper Service—1800, Recreation Center



JEWISH PASSOVER SERVICES

Sundown—Friday, April 4 through Saturday, April 12.

All Jewish men and women serving in the armed forces in the San Francisco Bay Area are cordially invited to attend Passover Services and Sedorim arranged by the Area Offices of the USO-JWB and the Hospital and Veterans' Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board in cooperation with communities and organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

First Night

San Francisco, Friday, April 4, 1947, 7:00 p. m.

We welcome you to a special community Seder for the military, sponsored by the San Francisco Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board at the Famous Kosher Restaurant, 1233 Golden Gate Avenue (at Webster Street). Admission to this Seder is by ticket only.

Second Night

Second night sedorim will be held in Oakland and San Francisco.

Passover—Home Hospitality

Through the cooperation of Jewish families in the San Francisco Bay Area, service men and women will be welcomed to their homes as guests during the holidays.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

NSLI, the insurance that only veterans and members of the armed forces can buy, is loaded with miscellaneous features designed to give maximum protection and investment value for the lowest possible premium rate.

One of these features is called "waiver of premium." It means that if you should become totally disabled for a period of six months or longer, VA will pay your monthly premiums for as long as your disability continues and refund the payments made after the date of disability. In addition, even while your premiums are being waived, you may convert a term policy to any kind of permanent policy except an endowment and VA will continue to waive your premiums during your period of total disability.

Another feature is called "disability income rider." This clause added to your policy requires that you take a physical examination and pay a small extra charge, but it gives you a monthly income of five dollars for each \$1,000 of insurance you are carrying if you should become totally disabled for six months or longer. Payments begin on the first day of the seventh month after your date of disability, and continue as long as your disability exists.

NSLI also allows a three per cent discount for each year premiums are paid in advance.

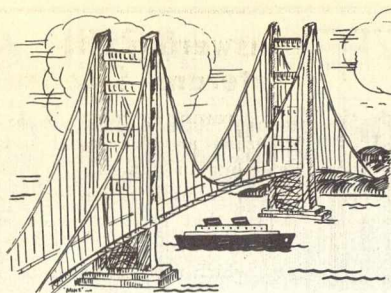
Perhaps the most important feature of all for veterans who have service-connected disabilities (other than total) is that they can still buy NSLI, disability rider and all. It is probably the only insurance they can get if they are not already insured. The deadline for reinstating or buying NSLI while disabled is January 1, 1950.

Question: "What is the due date of my premium on my National Service Life Insurance policy?"

Answer: The date on which a premium is due is the same date in the month as that on which the insurance was originally made effective. This date is on your insurance certificate.

Question: "My present occupation as a test pilot is a rather dangerous one. Can I get National Service Life Insurance anyway?"

Answer: Yes, if you can meet the health requirements, NSLI carries no restriction because of occupation, travel or residence.



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Letterman Observes Army Week With Open House Apr. 12

As part of the national celebration of Army Week, April 6 to 12, Open House will be held at Letterman on Saturday, April 12. The public is invited to visit the hospital, and will be taken on a tour of points of interest by WAC guides. Refreshments will be served in the Recreation Center.

Each day of Army Week will honor one of the various components of the Army. On Saturday, the day on which Letterman's Open House will be held, the women of the Army will be honored. At present there are over 18,000 women serving in the Army. There are 10,000 WACs, 7,710 nurses, 413 physical therapists, 413 dieticians, and five women doctors.

The public is also invited to attend the radio broadcast of "Who's Guilty?" staged on Thursday evening at the "Y" auditorium from 7:30 to 8 p. m. This mystery show, written by Bob Herrick of the YMCA, is a regular weekly feature over KLGH, the Letterman radio station. The story is broadcast up to the point of solution; patients on the wards are then given time to solve the mystery. The remainder of the script is given, after which the patient who correctly guesses the guilty person is given a prize.

Army Day will be celebrated nationally on April 7. There will be an Army Day parade in San Francisco, and among the military participants in the parade will be units from the Presidio of San Francisco, Letterman General Hospital, Fort Scott, Oakland Army Base, Fort Ord, Camp Stoneman and Benicia Arsenal.

Other activities planned for Army Week include a National Guard exhibit and open house at the Mission Street armory; reviews and open house at all the city's R.O.T.C.



units, and special programs at Bay Area Army and Air Force posts.

In 1937 the Congress passed a resolution to establish Army Day. This day would commemorate the contributions of our Army toward building and developing our Nation, and in safeguarding our democratic ideals and philosophy.

This year for the first time the Army will celebrate an Army Week. It will be observed in the Zone of the Interior from 6 April to 12 April, but Army Day will be celebrated all over the world wherever American soldiers are stationed.

Days that are set aside to honor the great men and institutions of

the United States have, as one of their purposes, review of the accomplishments of the past. But men, institutions, or nations who live in the past, and rest upon past achievements, have gone beyond the peak of their greatness. For them the future holds nothing but memories. That is why it is important to look upon a day of observance as an occasion not only for inventorying the ledger of accomplishments but for considering future plans that will insure a continuation of personal, institutional, national, and international achievement.

This is especially true in regard

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Easter Sunday Services for LGH Patients

On Easter Sunday, the day on which the Christian world commemorates the resurrection from the dead of the Divine Founder of Christianity, religious services will be held on the post at the Letterman Chapel, the Chapel of Our Lady, Crissy Field, and the Recreation Center.

The newly-constructed ramp leading to Letterman Chapel will be open for Easter, so that wheelchair patients will be able to attend the services.

Masses at Letterman Chapel will be at 6 and 8 a. m., and at the Chapel of Our Lady at 9 and 11 a. m. The 11 o'clock Mass will be a High Mass, with music by members of the choir from St. Anne's Church in San Francisco.

Protestant Services will be held in the Letterman Chapel at 10 a. m., conducted by Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click. A special program of Easter music has been arranged, with Mrs. Charles O. Zimmerman as organist and J. Frederic McMinn as soloist.

Chaplain (Capt.) Hugh Busby will hold Protestant services at 10 a. m. at Crissy Field, and will conduct Vesper Services Sunday evening at 6 p. m. at the Recreation Center. The musical program will be under the direction of Miss Florence Hyde and Mr. McMinn, with Daniel Wong, Chinese baritone, as soloist.

Patients will also have an opportunity to attend the traditional Easter sunrise service on Mount Davidson. Special Services will have buses and a litter carrier leaving the Recreation Center at 5 a. m. for those who wish to go.

The services on Mount Davidson will be conducted by Dr. George Hedley, associate chaplain at Mills College.

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to Army Day—the day which commemorates the accomplishments of our Army in peace and war. Army Day is a day of national salute to every component of the Army—the Regular Army, the National Guard, the Organized Reserve Corps—all parts of a military establishment responsible for our national security in a troubled world.

Many have debated whether the accomplishments of the Army of the United States have been greater in war than in peace. Although such a debate will excite discussion, of much greater importance is the fact that if we weigh civic, scientific, and philanthropic accomplishment against military achievement, we realize that the Army of the United States—in peace and in war—has an historical record second to none of our government institutions.

On Army Day we recall with pride and gratitude all the American Armies of our past history:

The Continental Army and the forces of State militia which, under Washington's generalship, won the independence of our Nation in the years from 1775 to 1783.

The Armies led by Jacob Brown and Andrew Jackson, which from 1812 to 1815 stood off and defeated the British campaign-hardened veterans of the Napoleonic Wars.

The Army, commanded by Winfield Scott and Zachary Taylor (1845-1946), which struck through the fevers and heat of Mexico to bring a quick settlement of old disputes.

The Army under the command of U. S. Grant which settled the one great conflict between fellow Americans (1861-1865).

The small Army of 1898 and 1899 which won the war with Spain.

The Army of World War I—which grew from hardly a hundred thousand to four million men. Two million men went overseas with General John J. Pershing to add their power to the Allied Armies, and to insure victory over the Central Powers.

The Army of World War II, expanded from 12,000 Regular officers, 12,500 National Guard officers, 100,000 Reserve officers, Regular forces of less than 200,000 and a National Guard of comparable size—to an Army of 900,000 officers and more than 10 million men—an Army that fought almost the world around, whose vast power and efficiency turned the threatened de-

Gen. Eisenhower, Sec. Patterson on Army Week

EISENHOWER — "In this coming Army Week we commemorate the loyalty and courage of free men who, throughout seventeen decades of our history, have served the U. S. that we might stand strong and safe among the nations of the world.

"In the latest conflict our soldiers, on the ground and in the air, serving shoulder to shoulder with their comrades in the Navy and of the Allied Forces, carried on and enriched the traditions established by their fathers and forefathers. Serving with distinction on every battlefield, they accomplished every task and passed on to the soldiers of today the mission given to them by the American people—a secure country.

"The million and more men and women in our Army are instruments of the nation's will for security and peace. Sustained by public confidence, they will succeed, true to the Army's proud traditions. They reflect the spirit of our nation. For your Army is a part of the people. It is composed of your sons. It is a faithful implement of democracy."

PATTERSON — "Army Day this year will find American soldiers stationed in the far places of the world, striving to bring order and enduring peace out of the tragic conditions attendant on the conclusion of the most destructive war in the history of mankind.

"Defeating the veteran armies of our enemies did not finally conclude the great struggle from which we emerged victoriously less than two years ago. Hard tasks confront the Army on both sides of the world. In carrying on these tasks, the soldier is the builder of peace and security, not for his homeland alone, but for all the members of the family of nations. Peace in these uncertain times is guaranteed by our armed defenders.

"During Army Week we will honor those whose stubborn courage and fighting skill have kept this nation safe and respected for 171 years. For this occasion, I wish to extend to every soldier and every veteran the appreciation of their countrymen."

feat of the United Nations into the final complete defeat of the forces that threatened to enslave the world. Its history is as glorious as that of our former Armies, and its deeds will be forever bright in the hearts of Americans and in the hearts of the world's liberated.

On Army Day we honor those Armies, those long columns of marching and riding men, those clouds of flying men, who came from every part of our Nation.

Our Army has not been idle between the seven wars—nor has it been free from fighting.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the greatest part of our Nation dwelt within the narrow coastal strip that bordered the Atlantic Ocean. Beyond this strip—across the Allegheny Mountains—was a rich and plentiful land. But the land was a wilderness, and to develop this rich wilderness meant that the frontier had to be pushed back. The unknown had to become the known. Much of this task fell to the Army.

Military volunteers in 1803, led by Captains Lewis and Clark, spent the following three years exploring and mapping this vast expanse of little known country. The notes, specimens, and maps made during

this overland expedition to the Pacific were of incalculable value to our expanding Nation.

As our Nation grew and forced the frontier ever westward, the Army blazed the trail. A major military undertaking was the pacification of hostile Indian tribes. In a score of Indian Wars that covered a century in time, its tiny forces protected the westward growth of the Nation. It sought out the warring Indian tribes and leaders and proved to them that armed resistance was futile.

Scientifically, our Army has done much to enrich and enhance our civic and private lives. Be it public or personal health, food, clothing, housing, mechanical advances—in all these fields—and in many more—the Army has been among the foremost researchers contributing to better health, greater prosperity, and a more lasting peace.

We can never forget the gallant Army men who, in 1900 and 1901, volunteered to be human guinea pigs in order to conquer "Yellow Jack"—yellow fever, which had taken thousands of lives every year in the United States, Cuba, and Central America. Army medical officers solved the riddle of contamination, infection, and preventive

inoculation, and their work has meant better health for all men.

The building of the Panama Canal was made possible by the work of a soldier, Col. William C. Gorgas.

Chlorination of water was an Army discovery. Brig. Gen. Carl R. Darnall of the Medical Corps pioneered the work.

The Army has always been active in preventive and healing medicine, and it has worked in the closest collaboration with our physicians and public health officials in making our citizens healthier, and our rural and urban areas better places in which to live.

In the field of aviation the Army has been among the top leaders in flight and safety research, meteorology, and in making America air-minded.

In the field of communications the Army's work and development of high-frequency radio communications, the radio beacon, and radar, have done much to make air travel safer.

Confronted with the task not only of producing the materials essential to war, but of training millions of men in their proper employment in the shortest time possible, the Army resorted to visual education in a high degree. New developments by the Army in this field are thought by many educators to have advanced this branch of education by at least 25 years.

New methods of making and grinding glass which were developed by the Army have been welcomed by our industries.

Working with industrial chemists and engineers, the Army has helped to develop better cloths, better foods, better storage, better plastics, fuels, and industrial machinery.

Atomic fission, which ended the recent war, was an Army project.

When disaster strikes our Nation or our neighbors, the Army moves quickly to lessen human suffering. This is done because our Army, charged under the Constitution "to provide for the common defense," is equipped to deal with disasters. This protection is guaranteed under our contract of citizenship.

This citizenship is a privilege the Army wishes its soldiers never to forget. That is why the Army is interested in keeping its soldiers civic-minded, well-informed, and educated. Today our Army has embarked upon a program of comprehensive education which has re-

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



EASTER GIFT

Of books and magazines for Letterman patients given by students of the 4A class at Parkside School. The students who brought the gift, L to R: Robert Marron, Margaret Thomson, Diane Addigo and Carolyn Thompson. Yes, Margaret and Carolyn are twins.



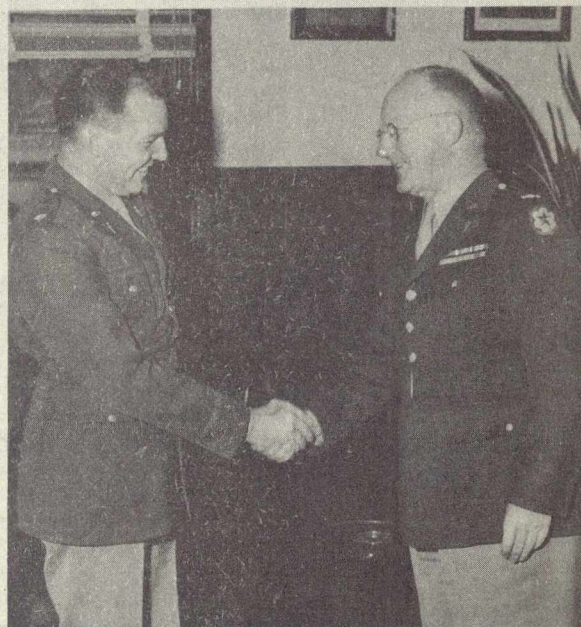
SERVICE BARS FOR GRAY LADIES

At a recent tea held at Red Cross headquarters to honor the Gray Ladies, Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer presented service bars to Mrs. Lillian O'Rourke and Mrs. M. George Sorech, both of whom have performed 10 consecutive years of service as Gray Ladies at Letterman.



ART LESSON

Frank Sato of Michael, Nevada, patient on ward 31, works on a drawing under the watchful eye of Miss Yvonne Perry, who gives art instruction to Letterman patients as a part of the Educational Reconditioning program.



FROM BARS TO LEAVES

Col. Dean F. Winn (right), Commanding Officer, congratulates Major Richard F. Mulholland of Neuropsychiatric Service on his promotion to the rank of Major.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

ARMY WEEK

By Presidential proclamation the period 6 to 12 April has been declared "Army Week" as a tribute to the achievements of our branch of the armed forces in the late war, and also to awaken public interest in the task that lies ahead for all components of the fighting forces of the nation.

It is a matter of record that after every war we have permitted our defense forces to deteriorate to an extent endangering our national security. Too many of our people seem to share the opinion that "a million men will spring overnight to our defense" but we have never yet realized that dream.

A community that reduced or abolished its fire department after it had successfully smothered a disastrous conflagration would be in line to have its collective head examined but the citizens of this nation will stand by and permit the reduction of the defense forces in the name of economy and offer little or no protest.

During this coming week the Army will demonstrate what a valuable asset and insurance a strong defense force means to the nation. Men who have devoted their lives to maintaining some form of protection for the country hope to convince our people that a strong nation is a peaceful nation.

Those of us who have been through the war want no more

WAC

Separation note: The most exciting date in a long time was the date of separation orders for S/Sgt. Charlotte Morrison, T/3's Anna Laue and Edith Rullman, and T/4 Frances Rozmarynowski. Ann is a psychiatric social worker, Fran and Edie are surgical technicians in the operating room, and Morrison, well, you can usually find her headfirst in the filing cabinets of the WAC Orderly Room.

T/4 Frances Black is still ill on Ward G-1. These enforced vacations aren't very pleasant, are they, Blackie? T/4 Rose Duscak has left on a well-earned furlough; ditto T/4 Sarah Burnett. Septic Surgery and P. T. Clinic will miss these faithful gals.

First Lieutenant Frances Harlee of Educational Reconditioning is substituting for Capt. Chapin during the latter's leave. Capt. Alice Dahnke is now a patient.

Newest additions to the detachment of pets are "Slow" and "Sure," the turtles now making their home on the CO's desk. Brady is still trying to figure out where they belong on the morning report.

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn is also a patient on Ward G-1. The detachment wishes her a speedy recovery; we're a little bit selfish, too, but things just seem to run better when you're here.

T/4 Robbie Gauding, Receiving Office, is finally winding up the many details on the purchase of one of those slick town-and-country jobs made by Chrysler. Pretty happy, she is.

T/5 Kathleen Kelly took off Wednesday on a three-day pass, bound for Russian River.

This is Army Week! And here is another WAC-Fact that you should know! The first Soldier's Medal ever given to a WAC was presented to Private Margaret Maloney of Rochester, New York for saving the life of a soldier in a gasoline fire in Algiers, North Africa.

war but if war must come we want a minimum of protection against the enemy. Abolishing the fire department will not eliminate fires. Disbanding the army will not wipe out wars.

A strong nation is a peaceful nation.



Wedding bells rang this week for 1st Lieutenant Alda J. Enrico of the Hospital Train Unit and Robert Hays, former HTU officer. The couple were married by Chaplain (Capt.) Hugh Busby on Wednesday afternoon at the Presidio chapel.

Eleven of the nurses who requested overseas duty received their orders this week and will shortly be leaving for Germany. They will have a 20-day delay en route before reporting to Camp Kilmer, N. J. Those who are on orders are: Captain Rebecca Chamberlin, Captain Mary K. Cuppy, Captain Thelma B. Goodman, Capt. Marian E. Martini, 1st Lieutenant Ruth E. McBrien, 1st Lieutenant Margaret J. McNulty, 1st Lieutenant Mary F. Neeb, 1st Lieutenant Virginia A. Potter, 1st Lieutenant Jessie A. Spence, 1st Lieutenant Caroline N. Spike, 1st Lieutenant Julia M. Tempinski.

First Lieutenant Helen Sutliff left April 1 to spend Easter at her home in Fresno.

This week 1st Lieutenant Evangeline Gunderson reported from leave spent in southern California, reporting an especially good time and very good behavior on the part of her glittering new Chevrolet.

Captain Mary K. Cuppy was called to Oklahoma this week because of the illness of her parents.

Physical Therapy reports that Lieutenant Doris Slack and Lieutenant Leah Crawford returned from a week-end in the snow at Soda Springs with such vivid sun complexions that it's now impossible to tell whether or not they're blushing. In other words, are their faces red!

First Lieutenant Rose Baron and 1st Lieutenant Virginia Thomas took off this week on spring vacation leave, going all the way back to their respective homes in Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Helen M. Olson, back from a 21-day leave in Montana, reports that there was so much snow there they would have had enough to spare to furnish a supply for California. Any takers?

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 6 April, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

U. S., Philippines Agree on 99-Year Military Base Pact

(CNS)—U. S. Army and Navy bases in the Philippine Island will remain in operation for at least 99 more years, according to stipulations in a recently signed pact between the two nations.

A Philippines government statement reported that the U. S. had met in every respect the request that no permanent bases, and especially no operating bases, be established in populated areas.

There will be no military or naval bases in the city of Manila or its environs.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared that the U. S. proposes to retain in the Islands only such armed forces required to man bases and constitute a small military mission.

Troops now stationed in the Philippines will be shifted to other areas to continue support of the occupation of Japan.

Military spokesmen reported the principal military establishment would be located at Fort Stotsenberg Military Reservation, Central Luzon. The Navy will take over four bases centered at Guisan, Leyte-Samar area; Subic Bay, Luzon, Tawitawa Island, and Sangley Point, Cavite.

Other smaller bases to be retained by the U. S. include Palawan Air Base, Camp John Hay, a recreation center at Baguio, a cargo terminal and training center at Bataan and an AAF cemetery at San Francisco Del Monte.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DORCAS ROSENFELD
Technician Third Grade

Wanted: Eloquent, new-minted adjectives. They will be used to express the combination of qualities that make up the personality of T/3 Dorcas Rosenfeld. While waiting for the adjectives to be coined, use can be made of such expressions as engaging friendliness, creative ability, colorful, entertaining, dynamic, original.

Dorcas is currently assigned to Occupational Therapy, where she teaches modeling in clay and finger-painting. She believes that "anyone can model," and points with pride to the work of her pupils in ceramics. Her own work includes not only modeling but also painting in oils.

There are two small pictures in her wallet that show very well her marked ability in the fields of both painting and sculpture. One is a photograph of a portrait by Dorcas of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker. The portrait hangs in the state capitol building at Austin, Texas. The other picture shows Dorcas modeling the head of a friend. Like her other work both of these are memorable and distinctive.

Dorcas is from Tuscon, Arizona, and has her B. A. degree from the University of Arizona, and her M. A. from the University of Michigan. Before she entered the Army in 1943, she taught English and history in a Phoenix, Ariz., high school. "Since I've been a WAC, I've done everything from driving a truck to modeling casts for plastic surgery," says Dorcas. She intends to return to teaching when she leaves the Army, but to go on working at painting and sculpture. One of the artists whose work she most admires is Van Gogh.

Dorcas is the owner of "Thunder Puddle," a faithful vehicle in which she covers about 1,000 miles a

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Charles Freeman of ward K-2, who is temporarily incapacitated for such matters as trips to the PX, writing letters and such, having only one hand free, is very grateful to his friends who are helping him out these days. "Curly" Rolland of K-2 has been writing letters to his wife for him, and Francis Valdez of ward 1 gets his cigarettes at the PX and even puts new flints in his lighter. As soon as Charles is feeling better, he plans to start studying, taking courses under Educational Reconditioning.

They say that Bernard Leland of ward E-1, who recently started a rug showing the Fourth Army insignia, hasn't progressed very far with the work. Oh well, the first month is the hardest, his ward mates keep telling him.

Donald Reber, of ward K-2 is from Topeka, Kansas, and recently returned from a furlough spent at home with his parents. And although it was a 60-day furlough, he says he wouldn't mind having another, just any time.

Lawrence Joubert of ward K-2 has been doing a lot of reading lately, and among the books he liked was David Dodge's mystery about marihuana, "It Ain't Hay." He's read Steinbeck's "Wayward Bus," but didn't like it as well as some of the others by Steinbeck. He's just beginning Anthony Boucher's "The Case of the Seven Sneezes."

Leland Wenger of ward 8 recently made a handsome ceramic chess set in Occupational Therapy, with his own original designs for the chess pieces. Using that set would be an added incentive for anyone to learn the intricacies of the game.

On his bedside table in ward K-2 Clyde Mercer of Chewelah, Washington, has pictures of his favorite trio—his wife Helen and their two sons, Robert and Ronald. Robert is three years old, and Ronald is six months old.

The favorite character of John Burt of ward D-1 is his constant companion Junior. In fact, at times John has been heard to remark that Junior is his only friend, but people

month. Her views on life as an adventure are well expressed in these lines by Sara Teasdale, which she likes to quote:

"Life has loveliness for sale,
"Buy it and never count the cost."

laugh that one off. Junior is a cheerful-looking penguin that John made out of felt, and he's guaranteed not to answer back, no matter what you say to him.

John Turner of ward K-2 is from Tennessee, and he says one of his favorite occupations while in the hospital is thinking. Doesn't make any statement as to what he thinks about, though.

Ira Graston of Dallas, Texas, who is on ward K-2, is making a leather handbag for his wife. Adan. He's already made one for her, and when she asked him to add a handle to it, he just decided to surprise her by making another purse, complete with handle.

Hospital routine is as familiar as home to John Salvino of San Francisco, patient on ward K-2. He's been in hospitals for two years. But now that he's at Letterman, he's right at home, because this is where his parents live.

Weldon Franklin of ward K-2 says his name confuses people because they're never sure whether Weldon or Franklin is the first name. It's constantly turning up turned around, on papers and orders. Weldon (that's his first name) is from Naples, Texas, and is the proud father of a five-year-old son, Charles Ray, and a three-year-old daughter, Virginia Louise.

New WAC Chief



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Lt. Col. Mary A. Hollaren, Deputy Director of the Women's Army Corps, has been named Acting Director, relieving Col. Westray Battle Boyce, who is retiring May 5.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT E. ALIG
Private First Class

Joining the Army wasn't exactly a novel experience for Pfc. Robert E. Alig. He was already a civilian employee of the Army, doing office work at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in his home town of Leavenworth. Besides this he had a background of four years of R.O.T.C. training in high school.

He was inducted at Fort Leavenworth, in April 1946, and was then sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, where he was assigned to cadre. After six months at Camp Polk, he came to Letterman, where he was assigned to the Detachment of Patients office.

During the six months Bob was at Camp Polk, he met the one and only girl, and plans were under way for an October wedding, when he learned that he was to be sent to Letterman. The plans were hastily changed, and the wedding ceremony was performed just a few days before he left for California.

As soon as he arrived in San Francisco he began a search for an apartment, so that he could phone his wife Pearl to join him here. The search went on for nearly a month—a month of frequent telegrams and long distance calls—before the housing problem was solved for the Aligs.

Pearl, who had been working for the Army in Louisiana, resumed that occupation after her arrival here, and is now in the Personal Affairs office at Letterman.

Both Bob and Pearl enjoy dancing, ice skating and roller skating, with dancing in the top spot.

"I believe my husband is the most generous man on earth."

"How's that?"

"Well, I gave him a dozen of the loveliest ties for Christmas, and he took them right down and gave them to the Salvation Army."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lanetta Woodward of Payroll is very busy these days. Since the Woodwards bought their new home, she finds every spare minute taken up with household duties, but she sighs with content when she thinks of how nice it will be when the settling-down process is finally completed.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel is thinking wishfully of Carmel these sunny spring days. And speaking of Mary, our apologies to her for making a mistake in the name of the organization of which she was recently elected president. The correct name is the Young Christian Workers.

Nancy Austin, who formerly worked with Warren Conlin in Civilian Personnel, dropped in at Letterman one day last week to see her friends here. She has recently returned from China, where she had gone to visit her father, who is an Army officer. While she was in China, Nancy worked as a civilian employee of the Army.

Helen Collins of Finance Office is resigning to devote her time to homemaking, and Corinne Boyette of Military Personnel also resigned this week with the same idea in mind.

The employees of the laundry were grieved to hear of the recent death of their co-worker, Renata Lunardi, who passed away after an illness of several months.

Edna Gallops of pre-natal clinic is resigning, and is making plans to go to Alaska to join her husband, Lieutenant Gallops.

Susan Marten, who was formerly in Information Office, was at Letterman one day recently to see old friends, Susan and a friend now have their own shop in San Francisco, at Chestnut and Hyde Streets. They specialize in bridal gowns and formal, hats and handbags, all of their own design.

Helen Diez took an afternoon off on Monday and drove to San Jose with her son, enjoying the spring sunshine and flowers along the way.

People are wondering how Frances Weeden, of Sick and Wounded Office, managed to get those black-and-blue knuckles while bowling.

Alice Thompson of the Main PX looked very festive Thursday in her new gray suit. She was celebrating her husband's birthday, and he was taking her out to dinner.

THAT FINAL "B" IN MRS VERA PLUMB'S NAME SIGNIFIES "BUSY"



Mrs. VERA PLUMB
Red Cross Social Worker at Letterman

Mrs. Vera Plumb, Red Cross social worker at Letterman, says that she could very well do without that final "b" in her surname, because it's difficult to get people to spell it that way. But after talking with her, we conclude that the "b" is for busy, which is Mrs. Plumb's constant state of being.

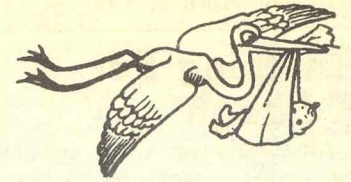
When you have a full-time daily occupation and a husband and a five-year-old daughter, getting any free time for yourself is definitely a problem. Mrs. Plumb enjoys reading, "because it's so restful," and says she sometimes plans to go to a concert or theatre, then decides to use the time for reading instead.

She was born in the state of Washington, and attended the University of Washington, in Seattle. After receiving her degree, she had two years of postgraduate studies in medical social work, at the University of Southern California and at the University of Washington. One year was spent in field work at the King County Hospital in Seattle. Mrs. Plumb says she has found the work in her chosen field both stimulating and rewarding.

When her daughter Linda was a year old, the Plumbs lived for a time in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, where Mr. Plumb, who was with the Army Engineers, was assigned. Living conditions were primitive, and Mr. and Mrs. Plumb lived in barracks while Linda lived next door, "with a family who had a real house."

Mrs. Plumb and Linda returned to the United States when Mr. Plumb was sent to the Aleutians, and Mrs. Plumb was consultant for the Crippled Children's Bureau of the Department of Public Health of Alaska, with headquarters in Seattle. She supervised hospital and foster home placement of children ranging in age from 3 to 20 years of age who were sent to Seattle from Alaska for orthopedic treatment.

When her husband came to San Francisco as sanitary engineer for the Navy at Treasure Island, in September 1945, the family moved here, and Mrs. Plumb joined the staff of the Red Cross as a medical social worker and came to Letterman. She has been on the surgical wards and the neurological ward, and is now assigned to the amputee wards.



To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles Hill, a girl, **Susan Mary**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 24 March.

To Major and Mrs. Lloyd C. Hall, a boy, **James Arthur**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 26 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald W. Holbrook, a girl, **Judith Ada**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 27 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood, a girl, **Joan Laraine**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 29 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Adam Morelli, a boy, **Adam, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 29 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Kennelt Weir, a girl, **Pamila Jo**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 30 March.

S-Sgt. Virgil Reavley Retires

Staff Sergeant Virgil Reavley, who came to Letterman in January, 1946, retired from the Army this week, after 23 years of service. Or, as he puts it, "23 years, 2 months and 11 days." Here at Letterman he was in charge of the Motor Pool.

He entered the Army in 1919, and served with the Army of Occupation in Germany following World War I. During World War II, he was on overseas duty in England and Alaska. Now that he is retiring, he plans to "take it easy" at his home in Daly City, and intends to spend a lot of time hunting and fishing.

The thing that keeps man broke is not the wolf at the door, but the silver fox in the window.

Signal Corps Enters 85th Year as Branch

Washington (CNS)—The Army Signal Corps is celebrating its 84th anniversary this month.

Established as a separate Army branch by Act of Congress Mar. 3, 1863, the Signal Corps has grown and expanded from visual communication by means of flags to radar, from a single line telegraph to multi-channel radio teletype, and from a Corps of 2,600 personnel in 1863 to a wartime peak of 360,000 in 1945.

Two other important branches of Government service had their beginnings within the Signal Corps—the Army Air Forces and the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Anything For A Laugh

"Well, bless my wool," said the ram as he plunged over the cliff. "I didn't see that ewe turn."

The honeymoon is over when the little woman starts complaining about the noise her husband makes getting breakfast.

First Wave: "Surely you aren't going to let that red-headed WAC steal your boy friend."

Second Wave: "Never! I'll dye first!"

Shopper—"I want to buy an alarm clock—one that will wake my husband without arousing the whole family."

Clerk—"Sorry, madam, but we haven't any like that. All we have are the ordinary kind that wake up the whole family without arousing father."

Sailor—"Hiya, Babe?"

Girl—"Sir, just because you are in uniform, don't think you can make friends on a public street corner with a strange girl who lives at 1746 Mishmosh Avenue, telephone 18,002."

Junior—"Dad, do you remember the story you told me about how you were expelled from school?"

Dad—"Yes, son."

Junior—"Well, it's amazing how history repeats itself."

One reason why they don't give any showers for the groom is because there will be plenty of stormy weather for him after the bride begins to reign.

Old maid to sister: "I can't see why you go out with that sailor."

Sister: "Oh, it's just a platonic friendship . . . play for him, tonic for me."

An optimist is a sailor who thinks his wife has quit smoking cigarettes when he comes home and finds cigar butts lying around the house.

Waitress: "I mistook you for a younger man at the other counter."

Customer: "I was a younger man when I first sat down here."

"I draw the line at kissing," she said in accent fine, But he was a football hero, and so he crossed the line.

"Before we were married you used to catch me in your arms."

"Yeah, and now I catch you in my pockets."

IN THE AIR FORCE LIAISON OFFICE AT LETTERMAN THEY WORK AS A TEAM



Captain BENJAMIN F. ARMSTRONG, AAF
Air Force Liaison Officer at Letterman

Captain Benjamin F. Armstrong, Air Force Liaison Officer at Letterman, whose multifarious duties in that capacity include the orientation of air force patients in matters of hospital policy, taking care of personal affairs problems for those patients, keeping them informed on Air Force flying and administrative personnel policies, and giving them separation counselling and information on veterans' rights, is emphatic about giving credit to the others in his office.

"We work as a team," says Captain Armstrong, "and the team includes Captain Harold E. Horton, Master Sergeant James O'Connell and Mrs. Dorothy Conklin, all of whom are most cooperative in working with me on the jobs we must accomplish."

Captain Armstrong is a native of Delaware. He enlisted in the Coast Artillery in August 1941, and was in that branch of the service until February 1943, when he was commissioned in the Air Corps. After cadet training he spent six months with a light bombardment group in B-25s, then transferred to heavy bombardment. In 1943 he went ov-

erseas to Italy as bombardier with a B-24 group. After completing 50 missions he returned to the Zone of the Interior in mid-1944, and was made instructor in heavy bombardment at Chatham Field, Savannah, Ga.

He applied for pilot training and after completing it became an instructor in the twin engine advanced school at Turner field, Albany, Ga. There he did administrative work as well as flying.

He had been in hospital liaison work a little over a year. He was assistant hospital liaison officer at William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, before coming to Letterman in July 1946 to his present assignment.

Captain Armstrong's wife Helen and their two children, Benjamin, Jr., who is 3, and Donna Lee, 5 months old, are here in San Francisco with him. At present they are living in Richmond, but hope to have quarters on the post in the near future.

He enjoys flying, and maintains his flying proficiency at Hamilton Field. In his leisure time he goes in for sports, particularly golf.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

For Music Lovers: Bldg. No. 1049 holds a store of selected records that may be heard daily. They are under the supervision and willing attendance of Sgt. Harry Wagner. Drop in and hear your favorite recording.

For the benefit of any newcomers to Letterman: Did you know that there is a Music Section at Letterman? You may register at the E/R Office, Bldg. No. 1039 for music instruction, vocal or instrumental. Other classes which are held on-the-Post are: Bookkeeping and Accounting, Typing, Shorthand, English, Grammar, History, Civics, Math, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Slide Rule, Spanish, French, Mechanical Drawing and Art. Individual tutoring is given. Call 4403 for further information, or stop in at the E/R Office.

The San Francisco Museum of Art announces the Exhibitions for the month of April: Prints from the Taller De Grafica Popular, 8 April through 27 April; Modern Jewelry Design, 15 April through 4 May; Paintings by Oliver Albright, 22 April through 11 May; Sculpture by John Rechab Baxter, 22 April through 27 April; New Photographers, 22 April through 11 May; Paintings by Arthur Dove, 22 April through 18 May. (Continuing Exhibitions)—Paintings by Walt Kuhn, through 13 April; Eleventh Annual Watercolor Exhibition of the San Francisco Art Association, through 13 April; Expressionism in Prints, through 6 April.

A new feature at the Museum, starting 21 April, 7:00 p. m.—"Adventures in Music"—to be held on the third Monday of each month hereafter. The meetings will include a series of recorded concerts through the courtesy of the San Francisco Record Society. The public is invited.

Since the first of the year, high school diplomas have been granted in the following states on the basis of the GED Tests: California, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington and West Virginia to GIs ranking from Private to Captain.

Army Doctor: "The best thing for you is to give up smoking, drinking, get up early and go to bed early at night."

Pvt.: (Meekly)—"Somehow, Sir, I don't think I deserve the best; what is second best?"

MORE ON ARMY WEEK

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ceived the commendation of many of our foremost educators. Through motion pictures, magazines, books, records, radio, discussion groups, and schools, the Army is working to make its soldiers understand that Army service does not relieve them of civic responsibility.

The Army realizes that good citizenship depends upon a well-rounded education. To help soldiers in self-improvement, the Army has developed the largest educational service in the world—the United States Armed Forces Institute. The Institute offers the soldier a variety of courses from elementary to college and technical training. To indicate the success of the Army's education program since its beginning in 1942, a total of two million men have received scholastic credit, 1,800,000 have taken USAFI courses, 500,000 have received high-school diplomas, and more than 200,000 are currently enrolled. Our civilian schools and colleges have recognized the worth and scope of these courses, and are granting credit to Army men who offer them for approval. The Army encourages its men to study and to learn, for good citizenship requires continual education, and the Army wants its men to feel that they are morally required to be concerned with the welfare of their Nation.

Thus we see that our Army works as a servant of the Nation to make this a better land—a land of freedom, health, prosperity, a land of believers in democracy.

We have seen that the Army has been vital to peace as well as to war. Army Day is then an occasion for reminding citizens—both in and out of uniform—of that fact.

History is the best possible argument for adequate armed strength in a world in which the vast majority of people hope for lasting peace, but where a great potential for war still exists.

Good men of every nation seek to establish lasting peace. But as they strive for peace, in conference and in assembly, we must not pull down our bulwark of preparedness until all the world is ready for peace.

Too often in our national history we have neglected the forces charged with safeguarding security—our Army, Navy, and Air Forces.

In the past the apparent weak-

ARMY DAY PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS the Army of the United States is a bulwark of our country's strength in time of peril, and the faithful guardian of our dearly bought liberty in time of peace, and has since the inception of this Nation stood between our freedom-loving people and all aggressors; and

"WHEREAS the soldiers of our Army continue in active service as loyal servants of our democracy, whose purpose it is to insure the establishment of justice, tranquility, and an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, 75th Congress, 1st Session, which was agreed to by the House of Representatives on March 1, 1937 (50 Stat. 1108), provides:

"That April 6 of each year be recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America as Army Day, and that the President of the United States be requested, as Commander in Chief, to order military units throughout the United States to assist civic bodies in appropriate celebration to such extent as he may deem advisable; to issue a proclamation each year declaring April 6 as Army Day, and in such proclamations to invite the Governors of the various States to issue Army Day proclamations: Provided, That in the event April 6 falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be recognized as Army Day:

Now, Therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, in order that we may give special recognition to our Army, whose soldiers have gallantly secured and guarded our freedom since the founding of the Republic and have heroically sacrificed to bring to the world a lasting peace founded upon justice to all mankind, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 7, as Army Day, and endorse the observance of the week of April 6 through April 12 as Army Week; and I invite Governors of the several States to issue proclamations for the celebration of this day and this week in such manner as to render appropriate honor to the Army of the United States.

"I also remind our citizens that our Army, charged with the responsibility of defending the United States and our territorial possessions and of promoting the firm establishment of peace and good order in the territories of our defeated enemies, can discharge these duties only with the firm support of our people. I, therefore, urge my fellow countrymen to be mindful of the Army's needs, to the end that our soldiers may not lack the means to perform effectively their continuing tasks and that the hardships of military service in foreign lands may be alleviated in every way possible. There is no means by which we can better honor our heroic dead than by our support of their living comrades who carry on the mission they so nobly advanced."

ness and unreadiness of American arms have been an invitation to aggressor nations to attack us.

Among our military, as well as among our other citizens, there is hope that an enduring and final peace may be established among all nations and peoples. Until that great hope is achieved—and we must devote our energies to its achievement—we must stay, as Washington once declared, in a "respectable posture of readiness" for wars that yet may come.

The leaders and men of the Army must face the possibility of a future war. This is their first duty as soldiers, and they take oaths "to support and defend the Constitution

of the United States against all enemies," and "serve it faithfully against all enemies."

All citizens—whether soldiers or civilians—must face the present problems that confront them. They must face, first, how to establish the machinery which will assure permanent peace, and second—but equally important—the problem of maintaining the military strength of our United States until the scourge of war has been eliminated. The second problem is inseparable from the first. For, at present, only a strong American can remain a peaceful America.

Last year, General Eisenhower made a public statement that is

Answering the Veterans' Queries

A growing number of American veterans are drawing benefits for schooling in foreign countries. Veterans Administration recently revealed that 1,019 veterans were in foreign schools at the end of January, which represented a 70 percent jump in new enrollments during the month.

Canada led the list with 478 ex-Gi students and Mexico was second with 88. Eight countries not on the December 31 list appeared in January. These countries, and the number of veterans enrolled there, are: Netherlands 3, Greece 2, Newfoundland 2, Lebanese Republic 2, Spain 1, New Zealand 1, Brazil 1 and Wales 1.

Other countries in which veterans are studying, and the number in each, are listed by VA as follows: England 77, France 77, Palestine 65, Switzerland 54, Canal Zone 41, Scotland 41, Ireland 21, Cuba 16, Italy 11, Australia 7, Chile 6, Belgium 5, Sweden 5, Argentina 4, Denmark 3, Peru 2, Colombia 2, Czechoslovakia 2, and Dominican Republic 1.

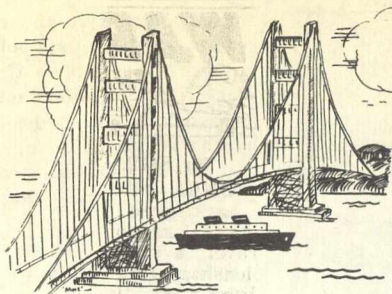
Question: "I am in training as a bookkeeper under Public Law 16; I have a 20 percent compensation for gunshot wounds on my right leg; my eyes are bothering me and I believe that I need a pair of glasses. Can I get an examination and then a pair of glasses if necessary?"

Answer: Yes. A veteran in training under PL16 is entitled to treatment for any ailment which interferes with his training. Veterans Administration will authorize an eye examination and treatment. Glasses will be furnished by VA if found necessary by the doctor.

Said the left ear to the right ear: "Funny we haven't met before, we both live on the same block."

timeless in its simplicity, truth, and hope:

"The Army decries jingoism and saber rattling. It believes in strength without arrogance; in firmness without discourtesy; in loyalty without servility. It lives with pride in its cherished traditions of service to our Commander in Chief and to the people to whom it belongs. . . . In this endeavor those of us still in the uniform of our country pledge our faithful and earnest support until that day when swords are ploughshares and the reign of peace is unchallenged."



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A Look at The Early History Of Letterman

Letterman General Hospital observes Army Week of 1947 with a record of nearly half a century of service to sick and wounded military personnel. Letterman is one of the oldest general hospitals now in commission, and has been a debarkation hospital through three wars—the Spanish-American, World War I and World War II.

It was organized as a general hospital in 1898, to receive troop casualties from the Philippine insurrection. In 1917-18, it was a debarkation hospital for overseas garrisons in the Pacific. During World War II, again as a debarkation hospital for veterans returning from Pacific battle areas, Letterman took care of a peak load of 72,000 patients during a single year. In November 1945, following the close of World War II hostilities, the hospital was designated as a definitive treatment hospital, operating under the jurisdiction of The Surgeon General.

When first in operation Letterman was a 500-bed hospital. It is now a 2500-bed hospital, and during World War II had a capacity of 3500 beds.

The plan for the hospital, drawn by a San Francisco architect, was patterned after the L'Oratoire de Paris. It was first known as a U. S. Army General Hospital, but in 1908 it was named Letterman in honor of Major Jonathan Letterman, Army Surgeon, who was Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

Major Letterman is credited with the major accomplishment of complete reorganization of the field medical service, and the creation of an effective ambulance service for the evacuation of battle casualties. During the war between the States this organization functioned so ef-

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Lieut. RUTH M. GARDINER, ANC

was the first nurse killed in World War II, and is the first nurse in history to have an Army general hospital named after her. Today, the particular day of Army Week which has been designated to honor the women of the Army, Lieutenant Gardiner is specially commemorated. She was killed in a plane crash at Nanket, Alaska, while serving as an air evacuation nurse in July 1943. She was 28 years old at the time of her death. She was born 20 May 1914 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and was graduated in 1934 from White Haven Sanitarium, White Haven, Pa. Before entering the Army Nurse Corps she lived in Indianapolis, Ind. The Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., which was released to The Surgeon General, was renamed the Ruth M. Gardiner General Hospital in her honor.

Open House at Letterman Today For Army Week

Open House will be held at Letterman General Hospital today from 1:30 to 4 p. m., and Colonel Dean F. Winn, the Commanding Officer, and the staff of Letterman will commemorate Army Week, 1947, by welcoming the public to a tour of the hospital and its facilities.

Each day during Army Week one of the components of the Army has been honored. On Monday, which was Army Day, the Regular Army was the designated group, and during the week, days were set aside for the National Guard, the Organized Reserve Corps, the ROTC, and the Army Recruiting Service. Today is dedicated to the women of the Army, and Letterman particularly honors the women of the Medical Department who serve at this hospital—members of the Army Nurse Corps, the Physical Therapists and Dietitians, and the Women's Army Corps.

WAC guides will conduct open house visitors on a tour of points of interest in the hospital. Groups will be taken through the wards, operating rooms, dental clinic, and mess halls. They will see reconditioning activities, the occupational therapy shop, the gym and swimming pool and the recreation building. Refreshments will be served in the Recreation Center.

The Hospital Train Unit will also be open to visitors, and a hospital train and a kitchen car of the type used to transport patients to other Army hospitals throughout the United States will be on display.

Copies of this issue of the Fog Horn, Letterman's weekly publication for the hospital patients, will be available for the visitors.

MORE LETTERMAN HISTORY

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fectively at Chancellorsville and later at Antietam and Gettysburg that it was adopted for use throughout the Union Army, and the basic plan of field hospitalization and evacuation devised by Letterman has influenced that service in every modern Army.

The following excerpt concerning Major Letterman was taken from General Orders issued during the Civil War:

"The difficulties to be overcome in organizing and making effective the Medical Department were very great, arising principally from the inexperience of the regimental medical officers, many of whom were physicians taken suddenly from civil life, who 'had to be instructed in their duties from the very alphabet.'

"The nature of the military operations had also unavoidably placed the Medical Department in a very unsatisfactory condition. All the remarkable energy and ability of Surgeon Letterman were required to restore the efficiency of his department, but before we left Harrison's Landing he had succeeded in fitting it out thoroughly with the supplies it required, and the health of the Army was vastly improved by the sanitary measures which were enforced at his suggestion.

"Among the improvements introduced into his department by Surgeon Letterman, the principal are the organization of an ambulance corps, the system of field hospitals, and the method of supplying by brigades, all of which were instituted during the Maryland campaign, and have since proved very efficient."

Major Letterman was born at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, on December 11, 1824. His father was an eminent surgeon and carefully educated his son in his own profession. His studies were directed by a private tutor until he entered Jefferson College in 1842. He was graduated in 1845 and began his medical studies at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He received his medical degree in 1849, and in the same year was appointed assistant surgeon, U. S. Army.

He served in the campaigns against the Seminole Indians in Florida from his appointment in 1849 until 1853, when he was transferred to Fort Ripley, Minn. During 1854-59 he was stationed at Fort Defiance, and his service was largely



Major JONATHAN LETTERMAN, 1824-1872
Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, in whose honor Letterman General Hospital was named.

with troops engaged in intermittent warfare with Seminoles, Navajos, Apaches and Utes. The ingenuity and the improvisations necessary in the treatment, care and transportation of the wounded under the difficult conditions incident to such warfare was an excellent training for the larger problems which were to confront him later.

In November 1861 he accompanied troops from California to New York City and was soon after on duty with the Army of the Potomac. He was promoted to medical director of the Department of West Virginia in 1862, and within a month was assigned to duty as medical director of the Army of the Potomac, succeeding Charles S. Tripler.

The Army of the Potomac was at that time at Harrison's Landing on the James River, where it had retired after the exhausting Peninsula campaign. It was imperative at this juncture that the medical director should be a man of experience in the field, of practical skill in devising expedients, of executive ability, and of discretion and courage. Dr. Letterman fulfilled these requirements. At the battle of Gettysburg, the director of the 12 corps said "the hospital organization enabled me to remove the wounded from the field, shelter, feed them and dress

their wounds within six hours after the injury."

Dr. Letterman resigned from the Army in 1864 to accept a position in southern California with the Pennsylvania Railroad. While there he published his "Medical Recollections of the Army of the Potomac." Later he was coroner of San Francisco, and was surgeon general of the State of California from 1868 until his death in San Francisco on March 15, 1872, at the age of 48. He was known as a man of simplicity of character, direct in speech and manner, and able to see clearly, to think and to act.

The following recommendations on the treatment of troops are taken from a report written by Major Letterman during the Civil War:

"The diseases prevailing in our Army are generally of a mild type and are not increasing. Their chief causes are, in my opinion, the want of proper food (and that improperly prepared), exposure to the malaria of swamps and the inclemencies of the weather, excessive fatigue, and want of natural rest, combined with great excitement of several days' duration, and the exhaustion consequent thereon.

"I would recommend to remedy these evils, that food, with abundance of fresh vegetables, shelter, rest, with a moderate amount of ex-

ercise, be given all the troops, and general and personal police be enforced. To accomplish this I would suggest that an abundant supply of fresh onions and potatoes be used by the troops daily for a fortnight and thereafter at least twice a week, cost what they may; that the desiccated vegetables, dried apples or peaches, and pickles be used thrice a week; that a supply of fresh bread, by floating ovens or other methods, be distributed at least three times a week; that the food be prepared by companies and not by squads, and that there be two men detailed from each company as permanent cooks.

"I recommend that wells be dug as deep as the water will permit; that the troops be provided with tents or other shelter to protect them from the sun and rain, which shall be raised daily and struck once a week and placed upon new ground; that the men be required to cut pine tops, spread them thickly in their tents, and not sleep on the ground; that camps be formed not in the woods but a short distance from them, where a free circulation of pure air can be procured, and where the ground has been exposed to the sun and air to such an extent as to vitiate the noxious exhalations from damp ground.

"Sleep during the day will not compensate for the loss of it at nights, and I suggest that as far as possible the troops be allowed the natural time for rest; that not more than two drills per day be had; that the men be allowed to sleep until sunrise, and that they have their breakfast as soon as they rise."

In July, 1899, when Letterman Hospital was just partly completed, it was filled to overflowing with wounded men. In all, 5390 patients were cared for that year, in spite of the fact that the wards were heated by stoves and light was furnished by kerosene lamps. To care for the large number of patients, ordinary barracks in the Presidio were fitted with the temporary furnishings of a hospital. The first commanding officer of the hospital, Brig. Gen. (then Major) A. C. Girard, in addition to his duties as CO, took personal charge of the mess and performed all operations—there were 178 the first year—while he struggled with incompetent help, epidemics, shiploads of wounded men from the Philippines, and swarms of flies and mosquitoes. As assistants he had six medical officers, one line officer, three hos-

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WOMEN OF THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



ARMY NURSE CORPS



WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS



PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND DIETITIANS

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EDITORIAL

SALUTE

During this Army Week of 1947, the Army has paid tribute to the accomplishments of its various components. Days were designated for the Regular Army, the National Guard, the Organized Reserve Corps, the ROTC, and the Army Recruiting Service. Today is dedicated to the women of the Army.

Here at Letterman we have representatives of each of the five groups of women who serve under the Army banner—women doctors of the Army, the Army Nurse Corps, the Therapists, the Dietitians, and the Women's Army Corps.

At present there are over 18,000 women serving in the Army. There are 10,000 WACs, 7,710 nurses, 413 physical therapists, 413 dietitians, and five women doctors. Of that number Letterman has one of the women doctors, 182 nurses, 20 physical therapists, 14 dietitians and 60 WACs.

During World War II women served their country in greater numbers and in more ways than ever before. Their loyal services and devotion to duty are well known to the Army and to the nation. That devotion to duty was marked by a zeal that led many of the women of the Army to efforts and even sacrifices far beyond the call of duty.

When hostilities ceased, the women of the Army continued to serve, and here at Letterman they give unstintingly of



Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse at Letterman, returned this week from a trip during which she covered a lot of territory, complete with stopovers. After attending a conference of chief nurses in Washington, D. C., she visited in New York City, El Paso, Texas; Tucson, Arizona, and Los Angeles before her return. She reports a very enjoyable time.

Lieutenant Miriam Johnson of Physical Therapy, who has been in the P.T. Amputee Center at the gym, is now back in the Main P.T. Clinic. Lieutenants Dorothy Glidden and Dennie Kuntz are working in the Amputee Center.

Major Frances Everett, ANC, has received orders for overseas duty in Yokohama, and has gone to her home in Buffalo for a brief leave before her departure on her new assignment. She is due back at Camp Stoneman on April 20.

First Lieutenant Madeleine Passadori, ANC, is enjoying a spring vacation leave at her home in Orinda.

Those inveterate skiers of Physical Therapy, Lieutenants Doris Slack and Leah Crawford, spent Easter skiing near Reno, and they made the round trip in one day. Probably skied all the way back—that would be fastest—but then how did they get up there?

Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, who has been expecting her mother, Mrs. Ethel Buehler, to join her here in San Francisco, was happy this week over her arrival. Mrs. Buehler, who has been ill for some time, is at present a patient on ward G-1. Captain Buehler's aunt, Mrs. Oda McKay, who accompanied Mrs. Buehler from Seattle, is remaining for a visit and plans to explore San Francisco while she is here.

their time and energy in the myriad duties involved in the care of the sick and the war-wounded.

From Letterman patients and from the Army, a special salute for duty well performed to the women of the Army Medical Department.

WAC

Staff Sergeant Charlotte Morrison resumed civilian status this week, and with a gleam in her eye, took off for a period of super-loading before grappling with civilian problems. With her friend Gladys Seaholm she is en route to Los Gatos and the simple life, equipped only, Charlotte states, with the four B's—bed, books, beans and beer.

Lieutenant Frances Harlee, acting CO of the WAC detachment, may be found these days traveling between the WAC area and the Educational Reconditioning office, doing a fine job of keeping both places going. Her adopted role as "mother" of the WAC brood is nothing new for her—she was formerly CO of the WAC detachment at Welch Convalescent Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Captain Alice Dahnke is progressing beautifully on Ward O-1, having made several trips to the rear of the ward on her own two athletic feet. She has been missed by the Letterman basketball team, and everyone hopes that she will be up and about before the softball season is too far gone.

Barnes and Mackie have that faraway look in their eyes brought on by their impending discharge plus an anticipated trip. Destination? They are not telling.

Dot Bennett and LaPietri are seeing San Francisco as it's never been seen before, according to report. No details available, but it would be nice to have them.

Stella Watras dreams longingly of faraway places—how can we make those dreams come true?

This is Army Week! And here is another WAC-Fact you should know—The average WAC is 5 ft. 4 in. tall. She weighs 128 pounds. The average size uniform is a 14 and yes, the Quartermaster has even figured out that she wears a size 7 glove and 9½ hose—and the hose that are issued are nylons. The average WAC was a high school graduate with some advanced specialist training. Twenty-one per cent are college educated. Hair is kept neat and well above the collar. Military women wear hats as they did in civilian life, leaving them on or taking them off, according to the social custom of civilian women. However, they must always be worn when out of doors.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 13 April, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Advantages of UMT Program Set Forth By Lt. Gen. Collins

(AFPS)—"If we're going to have to fight another war, give our boys a chance to be trained ahead of time—give them a chance to survive," Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, director of information for the War Department, said in a plea for universal military training.

"That push - button war to be fought by a handful of scientists with a couple of airplanes isn't here yet," declared Gen. Collins.

Maintenance of a standard army of that size, without selective service, is an impossible task, Gen. Collins declared in advocating universal military training. Many persons oppose such training without understanding what the program calls for, he said, and pointed out the following aspects:

1. Men would not be in the Army, but in a special training corps which would not include overseas training.

2. There would be less severe discipline than under the Articles of War.

3. Men, 18 to 21, would be taken only after graduation from high school.

4. At the end of six months' training a number of options would be open—among them the chance to attend college.

This last point, Gen. Collins said, means that a boy could take his training and enter college with no more than a three-month delay in his education. "That certainly won't wreck our educational set-up," he declared.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ALBERT L. VENDOURIS
Staff Sergeant

Event of the week for Staff Sergeant Albert Vendouris was being chosen "Best Soldier" of the Letterman detachment. He will represent the hospital in the Best Soldier contest being decided in this area during Army Week. Al says he was surprised and very pleased when he learned that he had been named.

He has been at Letterman since September 1945. During his first six months here he worked on the wards. He was with the Training Branch for a time, and was then assigned to Hospital Service Branch, where he remained until he received his discharge last December 15. He re-enlisted December 16, and is now in Out-Patient Service, where he works in the Registration Room.

He is a native of California, born in Southgate, near Los Angeles, and before he enlisted in the Army, in September 1944, he did radio broadcasting for over four years, on stations KMPC and KGER in southern California. He still likes radio announcing, but since he has been in the Army he has become interested in Pharmacy, and would like to take a four-year course in that subject at UCLA or Los Angeles City College.

After his induction in 1944 at Fort MacArthur, he went to Camp Roberts, Calif., for basic training, and to Fort Lewis, Wash., for hospital technicians' training.

When he was in school, Al went in for track. His current favorites in sports are baseball, football and basketball. He plans to sign up for the softball team now being organized on the post.

Collecting foreign coins is his hobby, and so far he has some from England, Australia, Japan, Canada and Mexico. His American coins include a silver 3-cent piece minted in 1859, and a counterfeit silver

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Bruce Olson of ward F-1, president of the Letterman Stamp Club, announces that the club will hold a special exhibition on Monday evening, 21 April, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Special awards will be given for outstanding collections, and prizes will also be awarded. Members of several Bay Area stamp clubs are co-operating by giving stamps as prizes. Stamp Club members and others interested are urged to attend the exhibit. Don't forget the date—Monday, 21 April.

Paul Senti of ward 30 is making a rug which he intends as a gift for his mother. It's one of those super-soft ones, the kind you step on and sink in.

Tony Gussardo of ward E-1, who until recently was carrying on a continuous cribbage tournament with Leo Dierks, wishes to deny the story that appeared in this column. It was to the effect that Leo was constantly beating him at cribbage. To support his denial, Tony has a signed statement from Leo, which says that Tony is the winnah! Seems that Leo taught him to play, and now he has every reason to be proud of his pupil. Here's hoping the cribbage games are resumed in the near future.

Have you seen the pin-up girl Edward Hickenbottom of ward 30 is featuring these days? It's an autographed photograph signed "Carmen," and very glamorous.

Congratulations to Frank Cornell of ward B-2, who represented the Sixth Army in the table tennis tournament held last week at Fort Ord, and carried off both the singles and doubles championships.

Signey Hosking of ward C-2 went to surgery Friday, but his pals say that even that didn't keep him from wanting to know the results of the races that day. Let's hope he picked the right horses!

Charles Girsberger of ward 1 is still going strong in the Model Airplane club. He's now building a DC-3. One of his model planes has over 110 flights to its credit—or rather, to his credit.

His friends are glad to see that dollar. He's on the trail of a Norwegian coin called the ore, worth 1/25 of a cent. He also wishes he had some Greek coins, since he is of Greek descent. Any offers?

Mason Newman of ward 29 is up and around again. He's dividing his time between playing cards and enthusing about a new romantic interest in his life (her name is Kay). The division of time is pretty uneven, about 10 per cent on the cards and 90 per cent about Kay.

Seems that Monroy Santiago of ward 1 wants a discharge so badly that he talks morosely about throwing his head over the Golden Gate Bridge if it isn't forthcoming pretty soon. This must be the kind of thing people are trying to stop when they say "Now don't lose your head."

Fred Knight of ward E-1 is from Dallas, Texas, but he says he likes California! He's about to begin reading H. Allen Smith's "Life in a Putty Knife Factory," which ought to hand him a lot of laughs.

On ward E-1 Ernest Rangel and Howard White take guitar lessons every week from Mrs. G. Aiken, and they are both loud in their praises for her generosity in volunteering her time and skill to give lessons to the hospital patients. In the bed between Ernest and Howard is Demetrio Bachicha, who isn't taking lessons at present, but is frequently to be found doing a little practicing on the side. Howard says he'll be taking lessons in self-defense one of these days, and then they'll have an E-1 trio.

The teacher was not so sure Jimmy was wrong when he said the Great Divide was in Washington, D. C.

The "Mess" Is Now
Obsolete in Army

Boston (AFPS) — When George Mardikian, noted restaurant keeper, recommended that the Army revise its present messing system, he also suggested that the military abandon the word "mess" and substitute "breakfast, dinner and supper."

Army Quartermaster Corps officials countered that the Army was having "breakfast, dinner and supper" calls since before Pearl Harbor.

In Nov. 1941, QM issued first master menu, tossing the word "mess" into the limbo of forgotten words.

QM also informed Mr. Mardikian that K Ration packages were marked clearly with the words "breakfast, dinner and supper"—not "mess."

WAC OF THE WEEK



VIOLA HOCKING
Staff Sergeant

Uncle she joined the WAC, snow was just something she had seen in pictures, according to Staff Sergeant Viola Hocking. But the Army fixed that, and she was glad of it. She likes snow, and the more of it the better, she says.

Viola was born in England, but her memories of that country are practically non-existent, because her family came to the United States when she was three years old, and she now calls Arizona, where she grew up and went to school, her home. She has four sisters and three brothers. Coming from a large family, she had no trouble adapting herself to the community life of the WAC, which seemed to her just like joining a larger family. She says she has enjoyed being in the Army, and has made many new friends in the WAC. Before she joined the Army, she did office work at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft plant in San Diego.

She enlisted in November 1944, and had her basic training at Des Moines, followed by surgical technicians' training at William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. She was then sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, as an instructor, and remained there for four months.

Viola's next assignment was at Vaughn General Hospital at Hines, Illinois, not far from Chicago, and it was there and at Des Moines that she found out how much she liked snow.

After nearly six months at Vaughn, she went to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois. She came to Letterman in September and was assigned to duty in Military Personnel. She recently signed up to remain in the WAC another year, until June 1948.

Viola's off-duty pastimes are in the field of sports, with tennis, swimming and bowling her favorites.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic entertained Easter Sunday at her home in Burlingame at a buffet dinner for fourteen. What with preparing the dinner, and coloring a mere four dozen Easter eggs, Lillian had a tiring day—but fun!

Jean Rajala of the Registrar's office got up at the early hour of 4 a. m. on Easter Sunday, and accompanied her husband to Sunrise services on Mount Davidson. When she got home she was so sleepy that she went back to bed for a good long nap.

Myrtle Mashore and Annie Anglin of the PX Grill met with an accident Saturday afternoon on their way home from work, when another car collided with the one driven by Annie. She was not badly injured, but Myrtle suffered a broken jaw and is in the hospital.

Betsy Funston is quite a garden enthusiast. Just asked her about her little ranch in Marvelous Marin County.

Helen Lund of Payroll is now a jalopy-owner. She's not quite sure, but thinks its original color was blue. Anyway she says she and her husband believe that even fourth class riding is better than first class walking.

Earl Davidson spent a pleasant weekend visiting his family in Napa.

Betty Bull's father, Colonel Terry Bull, has just returned home after 30 months overseas in Tokyo, and his homecoming has been the occasion of much celebrating.

Marie Nordby of the PX Grill has been home ill for two weeks, and the sad thing about it is that she's using vacation time. Her friends at Letterman hope she'll be back soon.

Virginia Lee Smith spent an enjoyable weekend at Carmel, and reports that the weather was fine.

Ruth DeHay of Personal Affairs is enjoying a visit from her sister, Johnnie, who is back from Tokyo for a visit. Both Ruth and Johnnie are former WACs, and both are now working as civilian employees of the Army. They haven't seen one another for four years, although as WACs they were both in New Guinea at the same time, but too far away for personal calls. Johnnie reports that it's easy to save money in Japan, since she has to pay only \$4 a month for a room and maid service, and 25 cents for a four-course meal!

TRAVEL IS HER HOBBY, AND SO FAR SHE'S COVERED HALF THE GLOBE



Captain HELEN C. MacLEAN, MDD
Chief Dietitian at Letterman

Despite all the traveling she did during the war, Captain Helen MacLean, Chief Dietitian at Letterman, never gets enough of it, and has just returned from a trip to the Islands. She says that so far she has been at least halfway around the world, and is now going to start working on the other half.

Captain MacLean went to Hawaii on the "Matsonia," and finds it difficult to decide which she enjoyed the most, the six-day trip each way, or the 18 days she spent in the Islands. She stayed at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, spent lots of time on famous Waikiki Beach, and visited several friends during the month she was on leave.

Captain MacLean was born in Gloucester, Mass., and received her training in dietetics in Worcester, at the Worcester Memorial Hospital. She attended Nasson College, Springvale, Maine, and did graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia, New York, and at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

When she was first with the Army, in June, 1941, it was as a civilian dietitian. She spent 13 months at Fort Devens, Mass., and then went to Fort Bragg as head dietitian of the 21st Station Hospital. She went overseas in September 1942, to Eritrea.

The trip, via the east coast of South Africa, took 40 days. Before she reached her destination, she had a chance to do a little exploring at Capetown, South Africa, and Cairo, Egypt. After five months at Eritrea, the hospital was closed, and she went to Tel-Aviv, Palestine. It was there, in 1943, that she was commissioned in the Army as a Medical Department dietitian.

Her next assignment was as chief dietitian at the 38th General Hospital, just outside Cairo. She says she has some very interesting memories of Cairo, the spot that is still known as the "crossroads of the world." She was there for more than a year before returning to the United States, and during that time she visited Syria, Luxor and Alexandria.

In December 1944 she was named chief dietitian at Dibble General Hospital, and remained until the hospital closed in 1946, after which she went to Madigan General Hospital at Tacoma, Wash., again as chief dietitian.

Last December she came to Letterman in the same capacity, and was very glad to be back again in California. Captain MacLean enjoys golf, horseback riding, dancing, and—most of all—travel.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Stein, a girl, **Barbara Julian**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 1 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Irving Canfield, a girl, **Susan Lynn**, weight 5 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 2 April.

To Col. and Mrs. Hershel J. Martin, a boy, **Laurence Elliot**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 2 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Richard P. Fulmer, a boy, **Peter Westland**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 3 April.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James H. Watterman, a girl, **Neosha Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 5 April.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul Jones, a boy, **Phillip Reeve**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 5 April.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Edward W. Taylor, a girl, **Suellen**, born 7 April.

MORE LETTERMAN HISTORY

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pital stewards, eleven acting hospital stewards and 23 women nurses.

It is a far cry from those early day reports to the modern Letterman General Hospital, which specializes in neurology, neurosurgery, radium therapy and deep X-ray therapy, and is an amputee center and neuropsychiatric center. During the 48 years of its existence it has become an outstanding installation of the Army Medical Department.

Sixteen commanding officers have served at Letterman since the hospital was organized. They were: Brig. Gen. Alfred C. Girard, 1899-1901; Col. William P. Kendall, 1902-04; Brig. Gen. George H. Torney, 1904-08; Brig. Gen. James M. Kennedy, 1908-10, 1919-22 and 1924-26; Brig. Gen. James D. Glennan, 1910-13; Col. Euclid Frick, 1913-14; Col. Guy L. Edie, 1914-18; Lt. Col. Leo C. Mudd, 1918-19; Col. Robert M. Thornburg, 1919; Brig. Gen. Albert F. Truby, 1922-24 and 1926-27; Brig. Gen. Wallace De Witt, 1927-31 and 1940-42; Brig. Gen. M. A. W. Shockley, 1931-35; Brig. Gen. Roger Brooke, 1935-40; Brig. Gen. Frank W. Week, 1942-44; Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, 1944-46. The present commanding officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, assumed command in December 1946.

So This is How It All Started!

In an article on "Public Attitudes Toward Public Personnel," by John J. Corson, which appeared in the January 1947 issue of "Personnel Administration," the author discusses what he calls "the popular superstition that government is inefficient and government employees incompetent."

He gives as a good example of this folklore the following fable about a King who hired a prophet to prophesy to him the weather:

One evening the King aimed to go fishing and the likeliest place was right close to his best girl's house, so the King notioned to wear his best clothes. So he asked the prophet was it liable to rain before sundown. And the prophet says, "No King, hit ain't a-comin' on, not even a sizzle sizzle."

So the king he put on his best clothes and started toward the fishing place. And along came a farmer riding a jackass, and the farmer he says, "King, if'n you ain't aimin' to get them clothes wetted, you'd best go home because hit's a-comin' on to rain a trashmover and gully washer."

And the King said, "I hired a high-waged prophet to prophesy me my weather, and he allows hit ain't a-comin' on to rain, not even a sizzle sizzle." So the King he went ahead and it come on a trashmover and a gully washer, and the King's clothes were wetted, and his best girl, she seen him and laughed. And the King went back home and throwed out his prophet and he says, "Fetch me that there farmer." And they fetched him. And the King says, "Farmer, I throwed out my prophet and I aim to hire you to prophet me my weather from now on."

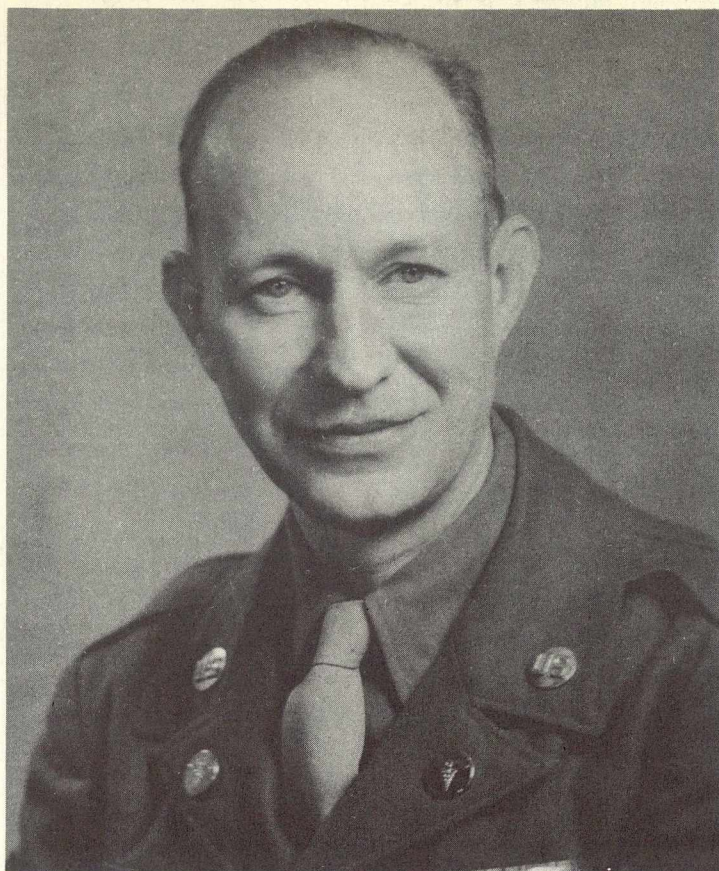
But the farmer says, "King, I ain't no prophet. All I done this evening was to look at my jackass, because if it's a-comin' on to rain, his ears lop down, and the lower they lops, the harder hits a-comin' on to rain, and this evening' they was a-layin' and a-loppin'." So the King says, "Go home, Farmer, and I'll hire me a jackass."

And that's how, according to the fable, that it happens that jackasses have been holding all the high government jobs ever since.

"I know I'm not much to look at," admitted the suitor.

"Oh, well," philosophized his bride-to-be, "you'll be at the office most of the time."

AFTER OKINAWA HE RE-ENLISTED AND IS WORKING ON THE FIRST 20 YEARS



Master Sergeant ROY B. PAULSON
Assistant to CO, Detachment of Patients

Master Sergeant Roy B. Paulson, who has been assistant to the commanding officer of the Detachment of Patients since his arrival at Letterman last October, is spoken of by his co-workers in a highly complimentary fashion, and is well-liked for the cooperative attitude he displays in his work.

M/Sgt. Paulson was born in Princeton, Illinois, and was educated at the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico, and at the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Illinois. He says Roswell is called the "garden spot of America," but he seems happy to take California instead. Before he entered the Army he was in the credit business.

He was inducted into the Army in Chicago, in July 1942, and his first station was Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Then after a time at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, he was assigned to duty at the Base General Medical Supply Depot at San Bernardino, California, where he was purchasing and contracting officer for a year.

When the 53rd Medical Depot company was activated he went to Camp Maxey and Camp Swift, Texas, as sergeant major of the company, receiving training at these camps for overseas duty. He went to Okinawa with the company in March 1945. Upon his return to the United States the following July he received his discharge. Three months later he re-enlisted, and is now working on that first twenty years.

After his re-enlistment, M/Sgt. Paulson went to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, as sergeant major of the detachment there. He remained there until the hospital closed in September, after which he came to duty at Letterman. In his work here with the Detachment of Patients he deals mainly with officers and the disposition of officers' cases.

He and his wife Mabel make their home in San Francisco. M/Sgt. Paulson says golf is about his only free time diversion, and like many another golfer, he is modest about his score.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Veterans Administration has learned that many disabled veterans training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act in northern California are personally bearing the expense of medical services that may be charged to VA.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Act provides that VA may correct ailments, service-connected or non-service-connected, that interfere with the rehabilitation objectives of trainees. This means, for example that a trainee who develops eye trouble may apply for an eye examination from VA.

Misinformation regarding the Vocational Rehabilitation Act has also led disabled veterans to pass up training because:

1. They believe that their disabilities are too great and that the Act does not provide training for them.

2. They believe that they will lose their disability compensation if they enter training programs.

3. They believe that retired officers are not eligible for rehabilitation training.

The truth is that all disabled veterans, including retired officers, are entitled to the benefits of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Disability compensation is not affected by subsistence allowances granted to trainees. Full information may be obtained at any Veterans Administration office.

Question: "I am attending a junior college under the GI Bill but have just about decided that I want to drop out and start an apprenticeship as a carpenter, electrician, or in some other field in the building trades. Will I have to notify the VA and what will they do about it?"

Answer: If you decide to drop out of school to start an apprenticeship, it will be necessary to obtain the approval of the VA in order to secure a supplementary certificate of eligibility. This may involve an interview with a counselor at a VA Guidance Center.

Question: "I was discharged from the Navy with a disability just about a week ago and am now on terminal leave. Can I attend school under either the GI Bill or the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?"

Answer: Yes. Your tuition, other fees and books will be paid by VA, but you will not be entitled to subsistence allowance until your terminal leave expires.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

This being Army Week, let's take a quick look into one of the benefits offered by having been a member of the Armed Forces:

If you had basic training or attended any service schools you may receive credit for either secondary-school or institutions of higher education. Credits may also be granted for successful completion of the General Educational Development Tests, constructed and published by the American Council on Education. The Form No. 47 is a means of applying for credit for educational achievement during military service, and may be obtained at the E/R Office, Bldg. No. 1039, where the GED Tests are administered.

The Council's recommendation is that men and women who were in the early years of their secondary-school careers when they left the school obtain an extended post-school graduation on an acceptable rating of general competence through the General Educational Development Test, provided statutory requirements of the state are met. Also that, if a subject is a statutory requirement for graduation, such as American history and/or English and/or other subjects, tests in such subject or subjects may be taken through the U.S. Armed Forces Institute in addition to the GED Test for general competency. Such a program of prescribed subjects should be recommended to the student by the school.

These courses offered by USAFI are on high school, college and technical levels—initial enrollment is \$2, and as many courses may be completed without further cost as the student has time for, as long as he is a member of the Armed Forces. Fill out the application blank at the E/R Office.

It has been found by mathematical calculation that the total number of hours of training and study for the completion of a 12-week training course in the service schools exceeds the total number of hours of class instruction and required study in a school semester—half school year. Therefore, the recommendation is made that the amount of school credit allotted for an acceptable 12-week course be the same as the total credit for the work of a school semester. Also that school credit for an acceptable specialist training course be granted, irrespec-

tive of the time of training period, if competence is established through a statement on the serviceman's record of such competence. Such credit would be applicable to students who qualified and established such competence through previous training or experience.

The American Council on Education's recommendation to Colleges is that colleges accept students who entered the Armed Forces prior to their graduation from the secondary school provided that these students meet, previous to admission to college, the full requirements for graduation from the secondary school through the educational opportunities in the Armed Forces and provided that they establish their general competence to do college work, as shown by a rating on the GED Test. It is understood that the school principal will furnish as much of the usual school record as possible and issue a recommendation regarding the student's ability to do college work.

The GED Test is a comprehensive objective examination in each of the five major fields of educational de-

A Prayer For Army Week

By Maj. Gen. Luther D. Miller

Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army

Almighty God our heavenly Father, Who art a Shield and Buckler to all those that put their trust in Thee, bless us Thy servants and the Army in which we serve; lead us and guide us by Thy good Spirit, strengthen and defend us by Thy might, that we may be to our land a sure defense against every enemy; support us in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep us safe from all evil; endow us with courage and loyalty, and grant that in all things we may serve Thee without reproach. Let the light of Thy countenance, O God, shine upon our comrades departed, that they, increasing in knowledge and love of Thee, may go on from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant to us who, at this Eastertide, are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, that having served Thee with constancy here on earth, we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee and awake in Thy presence. Amen.

Promotion

From 1st Lieutenant to Captain—Joseph E. Giansiracusa, MC, ward officer on ward L-1.

Visitor: "How did your horse happen to win the race?"

Jockey: "Well, I just kept whispering in his ear, 'Roses are red, violets are blue—horses that lose are made into glue.'"

Cutie: How about a song?

Wise Guy: Who, me?

Cutie: Yeah.

Wise Guy: Not me—I'll do my singing in the old bathtub.

Cutie: Don't sing very often do you?

Development: Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression, Interpretation of Reading Materials in Social Studies, Natural Sciences, Literary Materials, and General Mathematical Ability. The fifth test on Math is on the high school level only—for college level it is optional.

Tests are administered daily at the E/R Office. Each test takes approximately two hours, although there is no time-limit.



By SGT. C. T. SMITH

(CNS)—"Team of Destiny" is a hackneyed tag sports writers like to hang on every outfit that travels a rocky road to a championship. But, as the corny old cliché goes—"If the shoe fits, wear it." And it seems to fit the University of Utah basketball team better than any phrase that comes to mind at the moment.

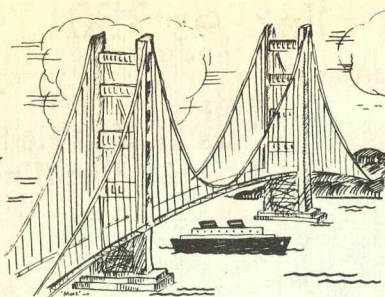
In defeating Kentucky, 49 to 45, to win the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City, Coach Vadal Peterson's famed "Blitz Kids" turned in perhaps the major upset in the 10-year history of the competition. In the book written by the professional gamblers, the Wildcats were 10½-point favorites. But (again, please observe the rare gift of originality!) the Utes neglected to read the book before going into action.

Aside from the dispatch with which the Utes blasted the myth of the invincibility of Coach Adolph Rupp's "All-All-Americans," the tournament left a more memorable impression. It was more memorable than the spectacular exhibition of Utah's sophomore center, Vern Gardner, to win the Most Valuable Player Award, and the sterling performances of Arnold Ferrin of Utah and Wallace Jones of Kentucky to share runnerup honors.

Inspiring that impression was a Jap—an American Jap. And he affected, in the same way, the majority of the more than 18,000 fans who jammed the Garden each night of the meet. As basketball players go in the new era of giants, this Wat (short for Watura) Misaka was a little fellow, a bare 5' 8" and frail at that, except that his skinny frame held sustained speed under 40 minutes of gruelling play each night.

In nominating Misaka as the fourth most valuable player in the tourney, sports experts did not please the huge crowd. Fans booed a bit. It seemed they thought rank injustice had been perpetrated. They believed Misaka should have been voted at least a three-way tie with Ferrin and Jones for runnerup laurels, notwithstanding his placement ahead of Alex Groza, rated the equal of any center in the land until Gardner came along, and the Wildcats' All-America Ralph Beard. Some experts had considered Beard the greatest all-around college basketball player in America. Guarded by Misaka he was held to one point.

When Utah won the NCAA championship in 1944, Misaka was a sub. Shortly afterward he joined Army Intelligence and during two years of service spent nine months with the Fifth Air Corps in Japan.



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Permanent Nurse Corps Legislation Goes to President

Legislation which will establish a permanent Nurse Corps in the Army and Navy as well as a women's medical specialist corps in the Army has now passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill cleared the Senate last week and went to the White House for President Truman's signature.

The women's medical specialist corps includes dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists. During World War II, March 1943, dietitians and physical therapists were given temporary commissioned rank. Occupational therapists in the Army are still in civilian status, but the new legislation would give qualified occupational therapists commissioned military status.

At present Army and Navy nurses hold only temporary commissioned rank. With the ending of the war emergency, if new legislation were not passed, they would revert to their prewar pay. This ranged from \$1080 to a top of \$1800 a year. In discussing the bill, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican senator from Massachusetts, told the Senate that the armed services simply could not retain their nurses at such a low pay scale.

If the new legislation is approved by the President, both the Army and Navy Nurse Corps and the three groups comprising the women's medical specialist corps will be commissioned on a permanent basis, the same as male officers. Their pay scale would then be the same as that of the male officers, with corresponding allowances and benefits. **The President signed the bill on Wednesday of this week.**



VICTORY MEDAL FOR WORLD WAR II
Awarded for service between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946, is presented to Pfc. Reuben Clements of Thornton, Idaho, patient on ward 42, by Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer.

2nd Division Awarded Belgian Fourragere

The Second Infantry Division and attached units have been presented the Belgian Fourragere.

Two decrees, signed by Prince Charles, regent of Belgium, state that the Division stood like a wall of stone against the enemy attack on December 16, 1944, and that the Division and attached units held the crest of Elsenborn with a tactical

skill so remarkable . . . and courage so constant . . . that they stimulated the confidence of higher echelons during the German breakthrough.

Units attached to the famed Indian Head Infantry Division include: 462nd Anti-Aircraft Warning Battalion, 741st Tank Battalion, Co. C, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, 612th and 644th Tank Destroyer Battalions.

Nomination of New Surgeon General Expected Soon

With the approach of the expiration of the four-year term of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk as Surgeon General of the Army, considerable speculation is being indulged in in Army circles concerning the identity of his probable successor. Gen. Kirk assumed duty as Surgeon General at one of the most crucial periods in the history of the Army Medical Department. The war was on when he was appointed Surgeon General on June 1, 1943, and under his guidance the American Army in World War II achieved a record of recovery from wounds and from disease never before accomplished in history. The names of several outstanding Army medical officers have been mentioned in connection with the approaching Surgeon General vacancy. Among those mentioned in this connection, all of whom are on duty in Washington with the exception of one, are the following:

Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army.

Brig. Gen. Albert W. Kenner on duty in the Office of the Secretary of War.

Brig. Gen. Guy B. Denit, Assistant Surgeon General in Charge of Plans and Training.

Brig. Gen. George C. Beach, Jr., Commanding General of the Army Medical Center, which includes Walter Reed General Hospital.

Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to President Truman.

Gen. Kirk will go on leave May 5, and, following his retirement, he and Mrs. Kirk will reside at their home in Montauk Point, L. I., N. Y.

Daily Physical Therapy Treatments Here As High As 350

The total number of treatments given in one day last week in Letterman's Physical Therapy section was 353. The Main Clinic and the Amputation Clinic average 263 treatments daily, which includes 39 treatments given to bed patients on the wards.

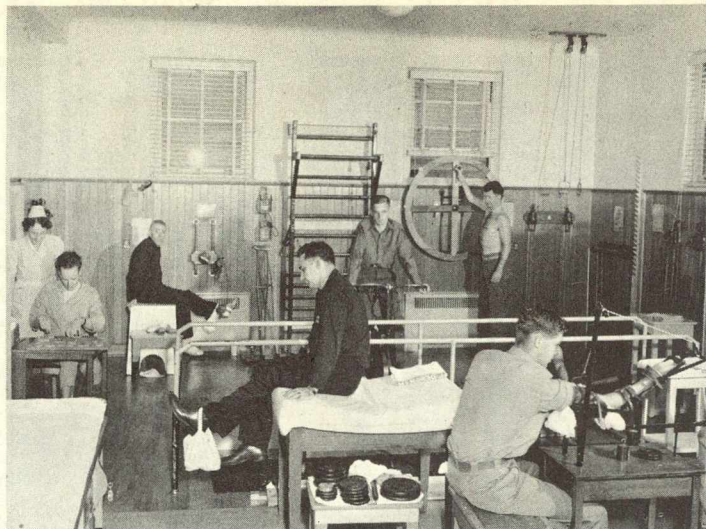
Physical Therapy is defined as the treatment of diseases and injuries by physical methods as distinguished from surgical, medical or psychiatric methods. It of course supplements these other methods of treatment. Physical Therapy makes use of heat, light, water, electricity, massage and exercise in the treatment of patients.

The section is under the jurisdiction of the Physical Medicine Service, and patients are assigned for treatment only after consultation with the Chief of Physical Medicine, Captain Donald W. Minter, and his assistant, Lieutenant A. V. Bateman. During the treatment period the patients are constantly under the supervision of these doctors, so that their progress under treatment can be properly ascertained and evaluated. Captain Vida Buehler is the Chief of Physical Therapy.

Half the cases treated in Physical Therapy are orthopedic, according to Captain Buehler, such as fractures, amputations, hand plastic cases, tendon transplants, and grafts. A third are classed as neurosurgical, and the remaining cases are in the general medical field.

An Amputation Clinic is maintained in the Letterman gym for the treatment of amputee patients. The patient is given special treatment before he is ready for the prostheses, is taught how to use his muscles properly for the prevention of contractures, and how to keep both sides of his body as nearly normal as possible. After he has been fitted with his prostheses, he is taught how to use it until he is proficient and at ease in its manipulation. Leg amputees are taught to walk, to get over obstacles with the minimum of trouble, and to become self-reliant in the use of the prostheses.

Physical Therapy did not develop as a scientific treatment until World War I, and during World War II many new techniques were perfected. More was learned about muscle testing and nerve injuries, and more exact methods of treatment were developed. New methods of exercise were perfected, and the



GYM IN PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC

L. to R.: 1st Lt. Ruth Campbell, Gage Rodman, Frank Mazzoni, E. J. Becker, Robert Renfrow, Robert Trask, John E. Mills. Patients shown above are doing coordination exercises (left), and engaging in various activities designed to increase range of motion, such as working at pulley weights, bicycle exercise, shoulder wheel exercise, lifting weights, and use of elbow splint on Rhinelander table. This table (at extreme right) was devised by Major Frederick W. Rhinelander of the LGH Orthopedic staff.



WHIRLPOOL BATH TREATMENT

It's easy to read in this kind of bath. L. to R.: Capt. Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, and patients Earl Beall, Leo Selmi and John Yuen.

first comprehensive program for amputee treatment was worked out.

The primary purpose of Physical Therapy is to obtain as complete functional restoration as possible, in order to permit a return to active duties. Methods used to attain this end include massage, corrective and strengthening exercises, ultra-

violet (tanning rays of the sun), infra-red (heat rays of the sun), short-wave diathermy, electrical stimulation, and whirlpool baths.

Army Physical Therapists were civilians during World War I, and it was not until March 1943, during World War II, that they were given

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Amputees Will Get Cars If Certified By June Deadline

Amputee veterans of World War II were assured today by the Veterans Administration that they will still receive their automobiles from the Government even though they are unable to obtain delivery before the June 30 deadline cancels the \$30,000,000 appropriation to pay for the cars.

The ruling, announced by Col. Thomas J. Cross, deputy administrator of VAA for California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, protects the rights of almost half of the 1,300 disabled veterans in these states who are eligible for cars. It also will enable approximately 200 West Coast amputees and paraplegics still in Mare Island and Letterman Hospitals to be discharged and complete their claims before the deadline. An amputee is not eligible for the \$1,600 car until he becomes a veteran and is eligible for compensation for the loss of, or the loss of use of, a leg at or above the ankle.

Col. Cross warned veterans, however, that they must have their eligibility certified by June 30 in order that an encumbrance may be placed against the fund. He promised men still in military hospitals that once they are discharged, their claims will be expedited to enable them to beat the deadline.

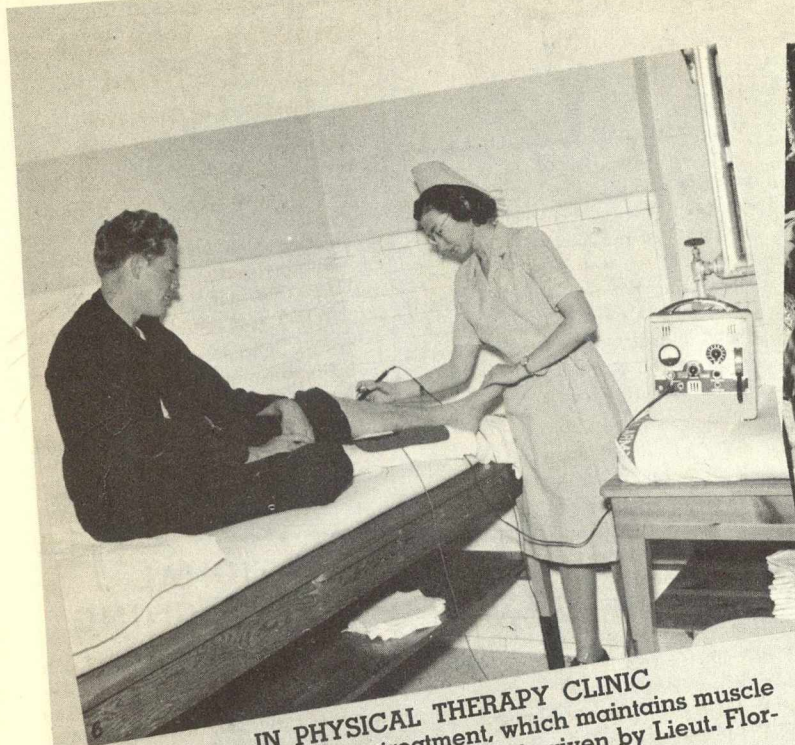
"While 650 veterans in this area have already received cars," Col. Cross said, "almost an equal number have been unable to obtain delivery under the \$1,600 price ceiling set up by the law. As long as their eligibility has been certified by VA, the veterans may contract for three cars after June 30 and VA will pay."

Of the 19,426 veterans in the nation who have filed claims for cars, 13,794 had been certified up to March and payment ordered for 8,713 automobiles.

In northern California, administered by the San Francisco regional office, 382 veterans had been certified up to last Saturday night and 252 cars had been delivered and paid for. Another 62 sales agreements for cars had been approved by VA.

Boy: Dad, do you realize that in some parts of India a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?
Dad: Why single out India?

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera

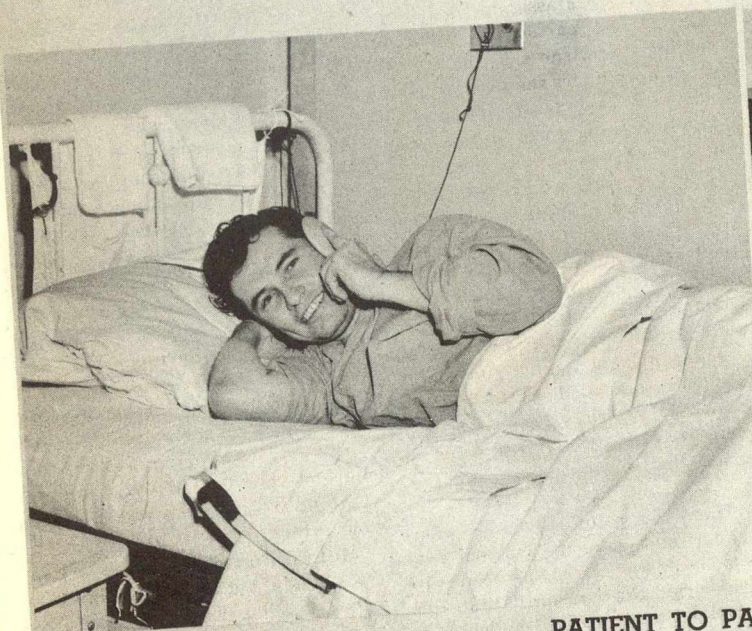


IN PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC
Electrical stimulation treatment, which maintains muscle tone until nerve has regenerated, is given by Lieut. Florence Lane to Maurice Watts of ward 3



DECORATED

Six members of the command were decorated by Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, during Army Week, three with the Defense Medal and three with the Victory Medal for World War II. L to R: Col. Winn, Capt. Wilma Sandberg, ANC; 1st Lt. Carl D. Hennessey, QMC; T-Sgt. Wm. B. Young, Medical Detachment; Lt. Col. Walter H. Matuska, MC; T-4 Hannah Goldberg, WAC; Pfc Reuben Clements, patient, ward 42.



PATIENT TO PATIENT BROADCAST

Pfc Victor Angeleri listens happily to his hush-a-tone receiver on the ward, while Pfc Jim Zurcher holds forth at the mike in the control room of Letterman's radio station KLGH.

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EDITORIAL

SELF-RESPECT

There is a difference between selfishness and self-respect which should be learned and applied by every individual. One of the most essential qualities in building character is self-respect. How can one love his neighbor, whom he is commanded to love as himself, if he has no self-respect? On the other hand, he will place on his neighbor the proper evaluation he should, in proportion, as he holds himself—too cheaply or too highly valued, too humble, or too haughty.

There is a proper medium of esteem to which one must learn to hold himself. This should have in consideration his physical, mental and spiritual values.

Having once established these values he has a standard that will keep him in the proper place among his fellow men. It is this self-respect to which greater men and women of the past have held themselves that has made them what they have been; and permitted them to make worthwhile contributions to society. On the other hand, we can easily call to mind others who, as boys and girls, young men and women, had the possibilities of becoming useful and helpful; but they lost their self-respect and allowed themselves to think and act only in terms of selfishness and self-interest.

Why not spend a little time thinking about the matter?—**Service Stripe.**



Lieut. Colonel Philip L. Hoopers and Lieut. Colonel Thomas W. Otto, of the personnel and Administration Division, War Department General Staff, out here on Thursday for a look see at processing and retirement activities.

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Colonel Kyle Rucker, patient on A-1, rapidly turning into the leading band "fan," never misses a concert.

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An almost octogenarian counter man at the Presidio quartermaster clothing store who has yet to learn service is rendered "with a smile" now-a-days in that command.

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Colonel Daniel J. Sheehan making favorable progress toward recovery after his recent joust with the surgeons.

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The new ramp to the Chapel now available for wheel chairs adding to the attendance at services.

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The rhododendrons in full bloom in the patio and Fred the boss gardener tossing in his sleep lest patients and others fail to read the signs: Please do not pick these flowers.

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Lt. Col. "Art" Hemberger no hand at matching when "odd man pays."

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The Campbells are coming," or at least one, Colonel Daniel C. due here as we gallop to press.

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Major Manly G. Morrison back at his desk after 30 days leave—and what a coat of tan.

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No more crowding at the PX Grill at 1000.

The disputes that yet separate nations can hinder, but they must not prohibit attainment of the common goal of all peoples. If there is room in our own country for every shade of political and social and religious thinking and expression, there is room in the world for different philosophies of government, so long as none is dedicated to the forceful imposition of its political creed on others.—Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Major Anne Benton is back from Georgia, where she had been on emergency leave because of the illness of her mother. Her mother is much better, and Major Benton is celebrating her resulting upswing in mood with a new and becoming up-swept hairdo. She also played a round of golf one day this week, the better to enjoy our "deep South" heat wave.

Confirmed snow-seekers who skiiied at Soda Springs last Sunday included three from the Physical Therapy staff—Lieut. Doris Slack, Lieut. Leah Crawford and Lieut. Edith Dumond.

Three members of the Army Nurse Corps currently on leave had Chicago as their destination. 1st Lieutenant Lorraine Odbierzychleb and 1st Lieutenant Helen Simoncik are there on leave at their homes, and Captain Dorothy Looby is on her way home to Martin, South Dakota, with a Chicago stopover scheduled.

Captain Mary K. Cuppy, glamorous in a black outfit, was saying good-bye this week before leaving for her overseas assignment in Germany. She's particularly glad to be going there, she says, because in her off-duty hours she plans to study voice. Her friends are looking forward to hearing an even more soaring soprano when she returns.

Event of the month for Captain Vida Buehler, chief of Physical Therapy, is the acquisition of an apartment (hard to believe, isn't it?) on Russian Hill. It's complete with enviable view, too, but not yet complete with furniture, and Captain Buehler is now having fun buying the furniture and perfecting her plans for interior decoration. She plans to stay strictly within her allotted budget, too!

There is a point, of course, where a man must take the isolated peak and break with all his associates for clear principle; but until that time comes he must work, if he would be of use, with men as they are. As long as the good in them overbalances the evil, let him work with them for the best that can be obtained.—Theodore Roosevelt.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 20 April, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"Pieces of Eight," "Pieces of Eight," or in the venacular "do re me" to you. You can be on the receiving end by participating in the "Quiz Program" at the Recreation Hall this Friday and periodically thereafter.

The Educational Reconditioning Branch presents "Can You Take a Hint," the USAFI Quiz Program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces Institute in Madison, Wisconsin. USAFI is a permanent educational service of the Army whose mission is to bring to the American soldier, wherever he is, the best that American education has to offer. Contestants will be chosen from the audience and for each question answered correctly you will receive **one silver dollar**, and also have a chance to compete for the grand prize of **ten silver dollars**. No need to be a Franklin P. Adams, Jr., or have an I.Q. over 400, to win a dollar—you too can be lucky and use the intelligence you have to pick up some loose change.

This is your program—strictly for you and your benefit. Watch for it—attend it—the time will be worth your while.

Modern Humor Technique—"Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker"—now try illustrating it and see what happens—you can. It is not necessary to know how to draw. Mr. Kirby will show you how it can be put to action. He is at present instructing a class in "Modern Humor Techniques" at Marina Jr. H. S.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HANNAH GOLDBERG
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Hannah Goldberg has the enviable accomplishment, according to her friends, of "making use of every minute of her time," and most people who take a good look at their own use of that valuable commodity know what a rare quality that is. This use of time is not confined to her work in Educational Reconditioning, where she takes a personal interest in her job of counselling, but is extended to all her outside interests as well.

She was born in New York, and attended New York University and New York Normal College. She taught in a New York high school, where she was director of recreation activities, and produced operettas and dance festivals.

Sergeant Goldberg came into the Army in May 1945, and went to Des Moines for her basic training. Her first WAC assignment was in the Personnel Division at the Officers Candidate School, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Three hospital assignments followed—Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky; Wake man General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and Letterman. She has been in Educational Reconditioning ever since she arrived at LGH, and has thoroughly enjoyed her work there. So much, in fact, that when she receives her discharge, which will be in the very near future, she intends to continue with counselling and guidance, and hopes to work at one of the veterans' hospitals in the East, preferably in Washington, Philadelphia, or New York.

Her numerous interests outside her work include tennis, ice-skating, and golf. In addition to her daytime job at the hospital, she is teaching a night typing class here. She is taking an evening course in Administration and Counselling at the University of California.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Anthony Cecelio of ward B-2 is leaving on a two-week furlough, and plans to divide his time between his home in Crockett and Monterey. His nephew operates a fishing boat out of Monterey, so naturally Anthony will have real fish stories to tell when he gets back.

Last week patients on ward N-2 had a chance to solve the mystery of "The Devil and the Summer Home" on the "Who's Guilty?" program broadcast from the "Y". The amateur sleuths, some of whom came up with mighty ingenious solutions, were Robert Anderson, Harold Kennan, Willie Martin, Allen "Kilroy" Batiste and Larry Davis.

Kate Doherty, who broadcasts a 15-minute all-request program of songs from the "Y" every Monday and Tuesday at 3:15 p. m., now stars in a new monthly radio show described as a tuneful half hour of unrehearsed fun. It is broadcast from the "Y" over KLGH to Letterman and other nearby hospitals, and features guest entertainers and Kate's own vocal selections. The April program featured the Harmonettes, Edie and Maggie, offering hit tunes, and Bob Herrick and Ginny Olson in a comedy routine. Dick Fernandes, who writes and produces the show, also acts as announcer. Patients are invited to drop in at the "Y" for the broadcast. Date of the May show will be announced later.

Richard Grant, of ward 3, is a University of Arizona alumnus, and he's trying to round up all Letterman patients who went to Arizona. So if you happen to be an ex-Arizona man, please get in touch with him on ward 3.

Hans R. Gaare is about to embark on a three-month furlough, and we do mean embark. He is going to Norway and Sweden.

This is a direct quote on what Richard Grant of the Letterman Stamp Club has to say about the Philatelist Exhibit the club will hold Monday evening at the Recreation Center. 'Whatzat? Stamp collectors are funny people—who'd of thunk that saving little hunks of colored paper could be a fascinating hobby? Well, it is, and that's why we have stamp collectors, and why there is a club here at Letterman. So on Monday night, 21 April, from 7 to 9:30 the club will show those little bits of paper to the not too crazy public, and if you're not wise on the

philatelic wandering of those that pick over wastepaper baskets, come on over. There will be judging by top stamp collectors of the Bay Area and prizes for the winners. Also refreshments!

Roy Chance of Atlanta, Georgia, patient on ward E-2, was very pleased with the picture taken recently by photographer Bob Kazen, a former Letterman patient. The picture shows that though Roy is from the South he likes Westerns. "But how can you tell that from a picture, Mr. Holmes?" "Elementary, my dear Watson! The book in the picture is by Zane Grey, and the picture shows both title and author very clearly."

Irving Mannes of ward C-2 was on Frank Soto's heckling list the other morning, and observed mournfully that even if Frank does go home nights now, he always makes morning rounds and afternoon rounds on the ward and manages to keep everyone in an uproar. And Irving was trying to read "True" magazine, too!

Elmer Koontz of ward E-2 is the maintenance man for the Letterman Anglers' Club, and he deserves a place at the head of the "Honest Fisherman" list. Reason: He says that on the last Bay fishing trip he was the only one who didn't catch any fish. The club is busy now with preparation for the program they're going to put on at the San Francisco Travel, Sports and Boat Show to be held at the Civic Auditorium April 25 through May 4. A special booth has been donated for the Letterman Anglers' Club, and members will put on fly-tying and rod-making demonstrations. Elmer is busy tying red - and - blue "Letterman flies" to sell at the show, and still has 8 dozen to make. It takes seven minutes to make one, and the problem is further complicated by the fact that he hasn't got any bluebird feathers, and is dying chicken feathers. When the feather shortage gets acute, he looks at his pillow with a meditative eye and thinks "There's feathers in them thar pillows!"

Doctor: Nurse, how's the patient in 831?

Nurse: All right. He saw four pink elephants!

Doctor: That's odd. I only saw one!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



WILLIAM B. YOUNG
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. William B. Young of Hospital Service Branch was one of the three who received the American Defense Medal in the initial presentation ceremony held during Army Week at Letterman. This is the medal given for pre-Pearl Harbor service, and T/Sgt. Young's service is very much pre-Pearl Harbor, since he entered the Army in 1937. He was also chosen as Letterman alternate in the Army Week Best Soldier contest.

Although he was born in Omaha and went to high school in Washington, D. C., T/Sgt. Young regards California as his home, since he has lived in Los Angeles since 1930, and attended UCLA. Soon after he left school he enlisted in the Army. After induction at Fort MacArthur, he was first sent to Fort McDowell, on Angel Island, and shortly thereafter went to the Hawaiian Islands, with station at Fort DeRussy. After a year in the Coast Artillery he transferred to the Medical Department, remaining at Fort DeRussy and serving in the Station Dispensary until January 1941, when he returned to the United States. He was at Letterman then for six months, attending a special service school, after which he was sent to Camp Roberts, Calif., where the 153rd Station Hospital was being formed. Two months later he went to the Philippines with the 19th Bombardment Air Group as medical aid man.

He was on Bataan when the war began, escaped by air to Mindanao, and the same night boarded a tramp freighter for Brisbane, Australia, where he arrived in March 1942. After a brief rest, he found himself again assigned to the 153rd Station Hospital, then at Gatton, about 100 miles from Brisbane. T/Sgt. Young was overseas three and a half years, and served at Biak, Hollandia, Leyte

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CIVIL CIRCLES

The need for a regular morning and afternoon rest period of 15 minutes each day is not believed to be contributing to any increased efficiency in this hospital. Consequently the rest periods will be discontinued for all military and civilian personnel at this hospital until further notice.

Authentic sign of Spring—Ray Shine, Director of Civilian Personnel, wearing a Cecil Brunner rose in his buttonhole.

Mrs. Clyde Oliver of the PX Grill has an extra big smile for everyone since she received word of the arrival of twin nieces. She plans a trip home to Missouri in the near future to greet the newcomers.

The former Elizabeth Patterson of the Information Office is now Elizabeth Bringman. In fact, she was Elizabeth Bringman before she left the hospital, having been married last summer, but her friends did not know of her marriage until recently. Elizabeth and her husband are now the proud parents of a daughter, Doris Christine, born April 2.

Carl Wade, head cook in the PX Grill, is leaving to manage the Presidio Post Restaurant.

Marjorie Hecht of Information Office went to the opening night of "Blackstone the Magician and His 1001 Wonders," and is enthusiastic in her reports of it. Perhaps she is even now secretly practicing performing magic tricks.

Hank Cleary of Personnel Authorization is sporting a new Spring outfit, complete from red tie to white shoes.

Dottie Grum of Detachment of Patients is wearing a handsome new diamond on her engagement finger. The lucky man is 1st Lieut. Richard Beach, Letterman patient. Rumor has it that the wedding will be this week end.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel reports a wonderful time at the dinner dance held last week when officers of the Young Christian Workers were installed. Mary is the new president of the feminine group. Our spies report that she looked very glamorous in her swishy dance frock of white moire combined with shell pink print, and a corsage of pink camellias.

Frances Caceres, formerly of Officers' Pay Section, dropped in last week to visit her friends at the hospital.

SHE COLLECTS SILVER BRACELETS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD



First Lieut. BEATRICE L. SANDHOFF
Assistant to Chief of Physical Therapy

First Lieutenant Beatrice L. Sandhoff is known formally as assistant to the chief of Physical Therapy, and informally as "Captain Buehler's right hand man." She's happier with her nickname of Sandy than with the too-dignified "Beatrice," and Sandy is well known to the patients and personnel of the hospital for her cheerful friendliness and ready wit.

She was born in Trenton, New Jersey, but has called Long Beach, California, home since 1925, and is consequently a dyed-in-the-sun Californian. Besides, she has seen the state through two earthquakes (what are we saying!), having been in Santa Barbara for the one in 1925 and in Long Beach during the 1933 upheaval. She takes them in her stride, though, merely remarking that the 1933 disturbance delayed dinner until midnight.

Sandy was educated at St. Norbert's College in West DePere, Wisconsin, and at the University of Southern California. She majored in languages and science. Before she began Physical Therapy training she worked as a librarian in Long Beach. She took her training in Physical Therapy at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and her apprenticeship at McCaw General Hospital,

Walla Walla, Washington. In January 1945 she was commissioned as an Army Physical Therapist, and went to Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington, for her basic training. She was then reassigned to McCaw, where she remained until December 1945, when she came to Letterman.

She is very happy at Letterman, and likes San Francisco, but she would like overseas duty, preferably in the ETO so that she would have an opportunity to use those languages she studied—German and French.

When it comes to the pursuit of amusement, Sandy likes to watch a football game better than she likes to eat. She likes dancing and concerts, and enjoys all kinds of theatre, from big-time shows to little theatre productions.

Sandy has an interesting collection of bracelets, mostly of coin silver from foreign countries. She now has about twenty, many of them gifts from friends who knew of her hobby. She has bracelets from Peru, Indo-China, Brazil, Cairo, the Philippines, Mexico, France, Australia, Fiji, China and Russia. The one from China is of carved ivory and the one from Russia is red amber set in silver.

Showing of The New Army Dress Uniforms Monday

A showing of the proposed new dress uniforms for men and women of the Army will be given Monday, 21 April, at 1 p. m. at the Presidio Theatre. This is the last of three demonstrations of the uniforms on this post.

Purpose of the demonstration of several variations of the uniform is to learn the preferences of military personnel, and to be guided by those preferences in choosing the uniform which will finally be authorized. The uniform will be the same for officer and enlisted personnel—the only variation will be in the insignia. Uniforms for the men are blue; those for the women, verde green.

A group of seven WACs and eight enlisted men will model the uniforms, under the direction of Lt. John N. Wellman, QMC, who is in charge of the demonstration team. The group is accompanied by a survey team of four civilians from the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan. This team is making the survey of individual preferences of military personnel for the Research and Development Branch, Office of the Quartermaster General.

MORE PHYSICAL THERAPY

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commissioned rank. Candidates for physical therapy training must have one of three prerequisites. They must be registered nurses, or have a degree in Physical Education, or a background of two years of science. The required physical therapy training course is at least six months, followed by a six months apprenticeship course.

A staff of seventeen physical therapists are on duty here at Letterman. This includes Captain Buehler and her assistant, 1st Lieutenant Beatrice L. Sandhoff. The others are 1st Lieutenants Ruth Campbell, Miriam Johnson, Edith Dumond, Mary Paine, Frances DesPrez, Leah Crawford, Dorothy Glidden, Gertrude Shaffer, Aileen Lasse, and 2nd Lieutenants Doris G. Slack, Emily Mueller, M. Denne Kuntz, Dorothy Johnson, Florence M. Lane and Ruth Wall.

The other personnel on duty in Physical Therapy section are T/3 Agda Persson, T/4 Rena Regas, T/4 Sue Burnett, T/4 Donald Cole, Miss Connie Kerr and Miss Rene Iacomini.

WAC

Jessie Barnes' engagement ring sparkles, but it cannot outshine the gleam in her eyes . . . the lucky chap is S/Sgt. Bob Frahm. It is certain Jessie won't live long with her two companions Sally Craig and Viola Mackie in their new apartment. Wonder who will be putting the coffee pot on to boil in the a. m.?

Beatrice Torpy will leave for Fort Lewis, Washington, to join her husband now that she is discharged. We're going to miss Torpy and those trips to Tokyo.

Audrey Gordon, in a plaid shirt with hair in Alice-in-Wonderland style, madly packing a dozen suitcases, heads for the Bostonian country this Saturday. . . . What's this item they dare to call a bathing suit in which Jessie Pekarski basks in the sun? . . . Speaking of clothes, Pat Nacey leisurely strolled into the barracks the other day garbed in a black outfit with a picture hat to boot . . . the soft lacy pattern of the hat was quite a contrast to the brilliant colors of her scarf. The latter are so in keeping with her auburn hair and personality.

Back from a 30-day furlough and with a million-dollar sun tan (all over, she says) is Aletha Birchfield, who found riding her Arabian stallion, Ray, and the desert solitude of the Salton Sea, both choice companions.

Violet Collins is now taking an imposed rest as a patient . . . her feet was not too big . . . although these last few days it seems she wasn't in shape for 18 holes of golf. . . . There are moments when our first sergeant, Opal Glenn, is released from her hospital bed long enough to put in an official appearance in the Orderly Room.

Wonder what would happen to Hannah Goldberg if she kept up a steady diet of night life with her buddies? Might prove interesting, no?

Leola Huffman and Sally Coburn have definite plans now that they are no longer actively engaged in Army work . . . a vacation and studies. Leola will pick wild berries in Washington. Sally sweats out a new school term in Los Angeles. Picking berries and just loafing sounds mighty good right now.

INTRODUCING THE MAN BEHIND THE MIKE ON LETTERMAN'S STATION KLGH



JOHN W. MILLER
Station Manager of Radio Station KLGH

This week marks an anniversary for John Miller, station manager of Letterman's radio Station KLGH—the anniversary of his arrival at Letterman a year ago. When Letterman's one-channel station became a four-channel operation under Armed Forces Radio Service, he came here to direct the activities of the station's 14-hour day.

John began learning the whys and wherefores of radio when he was 16, and has acquired an extensive background of varied radio experience both as a civilian and in the Army.

Though he was born in Ashland, Kentucky, and has lived in no less than 19 states, he regards Columbus, Ohio, as his home. He was graduated from Ohio State University, and while in college he not only studied radio but also worked part time as an announcer. Later he worked at six Mid-West radio stations announcing sports and special events, acting as program director and writing his own scripts.

He came into the Army in October 1941, and as an enlisted man assisted in producing shows which were broadcast from Camp Lee, Vir-

ginia, over the Mutual network. He also produced the Fort Riley hour, heard on Midwest stations. After he received his commission in the Quartermaster Corps he was assigned to the 54th General Hospital as supply and utilities officer, and was with the 54th 27 months. Nineteen of those months were spent in New Guinea.

While he was overseas, Captain Miller transferred to Armed Forces Radio Service, and was station manager of WBII, on Cebu, and built two AFRS stations in Korea—WLKJ and WLKC. Later he was named AFRS field supervisor in the Pacific, checking station operations in that area.

One of his memorable experiences during that time was a trip from Korea to Japan on a Jap repatriation ship. John and his crew were the only non-Jap passengers aboard —“So naturally we had the Emperor's suite,” says John, “and found out what it was like to be treated royally.”

He received his discharge from the Army in February 1946, and came to Letterman in April. John likes to

Vets Use Terminal Leave Bonds to Pay Insurance Premiums

California veterans are using terminal leave bonds at an increasing rate to pay their GI insurance premiums, the Veterans Administration announced this week.

In March alone 6,250 veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii paid their insurance with bonds valued at \$1,304,241, according to Col. Thomas J. Cross, deputy VA administrator for this area. In the past four months, 13,211 bonds, representing almost \$3,000,000, have been turned into the branch office, 180 New Montgomery street.

The record March business was rung up despite reports from Washington that Congress is giving favorable attention to proposals to cash the bonds immediately instead of after five years as now required.

Col. Cross also reported a record high in branch office insurance remittances during March of \$4,007,499, the result of an intensive information campaign by VA.

Veterans are permitted to assign any part of their bonds for insurance purposes, earmarking the balance for cash payment in the event of favorable Congressional action. Col. Cross stated, however, that the majority of veterans are applying the full face value on insurance, many paying their premiums as much as two years in advance, in which case they are discounted at three per cent.

Col. Cross again cautioned veterans to send their bonds to 180 New Montgomery, rather than to the former insurance office in New York. More than 3,000 veterans a week continue to send remittances to the New York address. He also urged them to be certain their signatures are identical with the names on the faces of the bonds, explaining that 780 bonds have had to be returned to veterans for corrections.

write for radio, and turns out numerous scripts for broadcast over KLGH. He wrote a number of the mysteries for the “Who's Guilty?” shows broadcast from the YMCA on the post, and that particular show is now being recommended for national use on AFRS stations. A large agency is at present considering a series he has written as a summer replacement for an NBC national broadcast.

Yes, he is single.

Departures

Letterman said a reluctant farewell this week to two who will be missed hereabouts. Major William G. Whittaker, MAC, commanding officer of the Station Complement, left for duty at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, and CWO Charles W. Cook, band leader of the 358th ASF Band, is shortly to go on retirement leave after 34 years in the Army.

Major Whittaker's service dates back to 1920, when he enlisted in the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston. After five years with the troops he switched to the National Guard, and in 1940 returned to active duty with the rank of captain, and spent nearly three years serving in Australia. When he returned to the United States he asked for a station in California and was happy to be assigned to Letterman.

Mr. Cook first enlisted in the Army in 1913, and so is a veteran of both World Wars. After graduating from the Army Music School in 1927, he taught music for 12 years at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. Later he was on the faculty of the Army Music School in Washington, D. C. Before coming to Letterman he was band inspector and commanding officer of the Eighth Service Command band at Dallas, Texas.

Now that he is retiring from the Army, he plans to join his family at their home in Medford, Oregon, and says he intends to indulge in plenty of fishing. There is no doubt that the fish will be easy for him to catch, because when he does a few of those sleight-of-hand tricks in which he specializes the fish will be gazing open-mouthed at the magician in action, and he can place the hook in their mouths while they are off guard. That way he won't need any bait, either.

The Stork Was Here

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold O'Neill, a girl, **Judy Lee**, weight 7 pounds and ½ ounce, born 8 April.

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To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Waterman, a girl, **Linda Marie**, weight 8 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 11 April.

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To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson, a boy, **David Malin**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 12 April.

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To Major and Mrs. Charles F. Arnold, a boy, **Robert Quincy**, weight 6 pounds and ¼ ounce, born 14 April.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Armed Forces Press Service

Pres. Truman has signed the enlisted travel pay bill, authorizing transportation of enlisted men to be paid for on basis of official mileage tables now utilized in computing officer travel pay.

It took nearly two months for the bill to go from the Senate to the House, back to the Senate, and finally to the White House.

Sen. Taft's bill ending GI Bill benefits for men enlisting after Mar. 31 now is before the Senate's Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

Though passage of such a measure would seriously handicap the Army's present voluntary recruiting program, many vet groups would favor the bill as it would end extension of same GI Bill benefits to peacetime soldiers that currently are enjoyed by wartime combat servicemen.

Necessity of the Army setting up an officer promotion program based upon selection rather than seniority is raised with the recent promotion list submitted to Pres. Truman. War Secretary Patterson was compelled by law to send to Pres. Truman for promotion 683 senior lieutenant colonels.

The Army at present contains nearly 6,500 full colonels. The Officer Personnel Act of 1947, a War Department-sponsored officer promotion scheme, may remedy the personnel situation, although the proposed promotion bill has been under fire from several sources.

Hearings on Pres. Truman's proposed service unification moved into a fifth week before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Broad functions of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Naval air arm are not defined clearly enough, Sen. Byrd contends.

Reluctance of medical men to enter the Regular Army is the War Department's problem of the moment, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He announced a pending scheme to improve the Army Medical Department by hiring civilian consultants and increasing Army doctors' pay.

Chairman Gurney suggested that a medical man be appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff committee to assure that the shortage of doctors receives adequate consideration.

Sen. Gurney also plans to speed work on the Army-Navy merger proposal, universal (military) training and an adequate military budget in order to give the services the strength to deal with any emergency resulting from Pres. Truman's program in the Middle East.

A new policy governing enlist-

ment in the Regular Army of former officers, warrant officers and flight officers, scheduled to go into effect July 1, 1947, has been disclosed by the AAF.

According to an AAF Letter, distributed to all AAF personnel throughout the world, officers who are serving on active duty with the AAF are authorized to enlist in the Regular Army in the grade of master sergeant upon relief from active duty provided they have a total of ten years' active

Duty performed with the Civilian Conservation Corps as an officer on extended active duty will be counted.

In addition, officers, warrant officers and flight officers on active duty with the AAF who served in an enlisted status in the Regular Army Air Corps prior to Dec. 10, 1941, will be enlisted in the grade of master sergeant upon relief from active duty provided that they:

1. Held the permanent or temporary noncommissioned officer grade of sergeant or higher in the Air Corps of AAF at time of entry on active duty as an officer, warrant officer or flight officer.

2. Held the permanent or temporary noncommissioned officer grade of sergeant or higher in the Air Corps or AAF immediately prior to appointment as an aviation cadet, provided that the individual was commissioned as an officer directly from aviation cadet status.

3. Held a technician's or specialist's rating convertible to the noncommissioned officer grade of sergeant or higher at time of entering active duty as an officer, warrant officer or flight officer and were at that time serving with the AAF.

4. Held the rating of air mechanic, first or second class at the time of entering on active duty as an officer, warrant officer or flight officer.

The AAF letter stated that officers, warrant officers and flight officers who do not qualify for enlistment under the aforementioned requirements will be authorized to enlist in grades commensurate with their training and experience.

The House, admitting it erred when it pruned \$350,000,000 from the veterans' benefit fund, has restored that fund to Administrator Omar Bradley's figure of \$873,836,000.

Chief budget-cutting proponent, Rep. Tabor, said the House Appropriations Committee had been deceived by original testimony on the need for the appropriation, but that this had been cleared up in last minute conferences with Gen. Bradley.

Defense and Victory Medals Presented In Ceremony Here

The American Defense Medal and the Victory Medal for World War II were presented by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, to six members of this command in a ceremony held last Saturday afternoon in the patio at Letterman.

These were "token" presentations, given under instructions from the War Department as a part of the Army Week celebration. The medals will be awarded in time to all those qualified to receive them, but at present they are not ready for general distribution. For this reason only a small representative group of persons was chosen for the initial presentation.

The American Defense Medal, which is given for pre-Pearl Harbor service for the period from 8 September 1939 to 7 December 1941, was awarded to the following: Captain Wilma Sandberg, ANC; 1st Lieutenant Carl D. Hennessey, QMC, and Technical Sergeant William B. Young, Medical Detachment.

The Victory Medal for World War II, given for service between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946, was presented to: Lieutenant Colonel Walter H. Matuska, MC; T/4 Hannah Goldberg, WAC, and Pfc Reuben Clements, patient on ward 42.

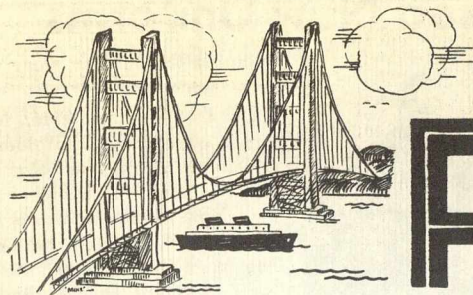
Lt. Col. William H. Beswick, Control Officer, was in charge of arrangements for the program, which opened with a musical selection by the 358th ASF Band, under the direction of CWO Charles W. Cook, the band leader. Colonel Winn then presented the medals, and the ceremony closed with the playing of the National Anthem. Following the award ceremony the band played a two-hour concert in the patio.

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and Manila. He returned to the United States in September 1945, and thoroughly enjoyed his 90-day furlough, which he spent at home in Los Angeles, "taking it easy." When he returned to duty, he was at Fort Lewis, Wash., for four months, then came to Letterman in May 1946.

T/Sgt. Young has been an ardent football fan ever since his college football playing days, and his two other favorite free-time diversions are ice-skating for activity and reading for relaxation.



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Brig. Gen. Bliss is Appointed Surgeon General of the Army

The nomination of Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss as Surgeon General of the Army for the next four years was announced on Wednesday of this week. General Bliss, who is now Deputy Surgeon General, will assume his new duties on June 1. He succeeds Major General Norman T. Kirk.

Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, May 17, 1888, General Bliss's Army career dates back to September of 1911, when he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He served on active duty in the Reserve Corps until 1913, when he became a First Lieutenant in the Regular Army Medical Corps.

His tours of duty included assignments to medical installations in this country as well as the Philippines and Hawaii. In October, 1921, he was detailed to the Hospital Division of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., where he served for 18 months.

In November, 1936, General Bliss was transferred from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was Chief of Surgical Service, to William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, in the same capacity.

General Bliss went to London as Military Observer in September, 1940, and upon his return in January, 1941, was made Commanding Officer of the post hospital at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In February, 1942, he became Surgeon, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, Governors Island, New York.

In June of 1943 he was appointed Chief of Operations Service in The Surgeon General's Office and shortly after that he assumed the duties of Assistant Surgeon General. In



Brig. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS, U. S. ARMY
was nominated this week as Surgeon General of the Army to succeed Major General Norman T. Kirk, whose four-year term expires June 1.

January 1946 he was named Deputy Surgeon General, upon the retirement of Major General George F. Lull.

He received his M. D. from Tufts College, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1910. When he went on active duty he entered the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. In 1920, he entered Harvard Medical School for a special course in surgery and remained in Boston for study in surgical clinics there and further work

at Harvard. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Tufts College in 1943.

The outstanding contributions made by General Bliss to the achievements of the Medical Department in the various capacities in which he has served won for him the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest non-combatant award.

Colonel George Ellis Armstrong was nominated to succeed General Bliss as Deputy Surgeon General.

Two More General Hospitals Will Close 30 June

Closure by 30 June of two Army hospitals—Old Farms Convalescent Hospital at Avon, Connecticut, and Pratt General Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida—was announced recently by the Office of The Surgeon General.

In accordance with Medical Department policy, Army hospitals have been closed as rapidly as the decreasing patient load has permitted. At the peak of the war the Army operated sixty-five general hospitals and thirteen convalescent hospitals with a maximum patient load of over 245,000 patients. With the closing of Old Farms and Pratt, the Army will have thirteen general hospitals in operation, with approximately 28,000 patients, and no convalescent hospitals.

Old Farms Convalescent Hospital has been a center for the rehabilitation of blinded patients. Patterned after the famous St. Dunstan's of England, the rehabilitation program which has been carried on at Old Farms has generally been regarded as the finest ever provided for blinded patients and is now being followed in other blind centers because of its outstanding success.

Activated in June 1944, Old Farms Convalescent Hospital will have given reorientation to nearly 1000 of the 1100 blinded casualties of World War II by the time it is closed on 30 June 1947. Colonel Frank H. Thorne commanded Old Farms from the time of its activation until October 1945, when he was succeeded by Colonel Charles A. Pfeffer.

Pratt General Hospital, formerly the Miami Biltmore Hotel, was taken over early in the war as a regional and convalescent hospital for Air Corps personnel. It became an Army general hospital on 15 May 1946, and now is caring for approximately 1000 patients.

Army Men and Women Vote on Proposed New Uniforms

The Army held a Style Show this week at the Presidio Theatre, in which Army personnel modeled the proposed new dress uniforms for men and general service uniforms for women. It was unlike usual style shows in that all those in attendance had an opportunity to vote for the garb they preferred.

Eight variations of dress blues for men were shown, and four types of general service uniform for women. An extensive survey is being conducted at posts, camps and stations by the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, for the Research and Development Branch of the Office of the Quartermaster General. Both men and women of the Army are being questioned as to their preferences on the uniforms, and their answers will determine which uniforms will ultimately be chosen.

It is proposed that there will be no difference in the off-duty dress uniform for enlisted and officer personnel other than the insignia of rank. Design, fabric and color will be the same for both. Various types of caps, insignia, and a new type of condensed service bar were also shown with the uniform.

For the women, the proposed general service uniform would be the same for all women of the Army—Army Nurse Corps, Physical Therapist, Dietitians, Occupational Therapist and WACs. The only variation would be a special type of cap for nurses.

The men's dress blues shown were two uniforms in light blue, two in medium blue, two in dark blue, and two with medium blue blouses and light blue trousers. Each of the two uniforms in the color groups differed only in that one had an orange stripe down the outside of the trouser. White shirts were shown with some of the uniforms; light blue with others.

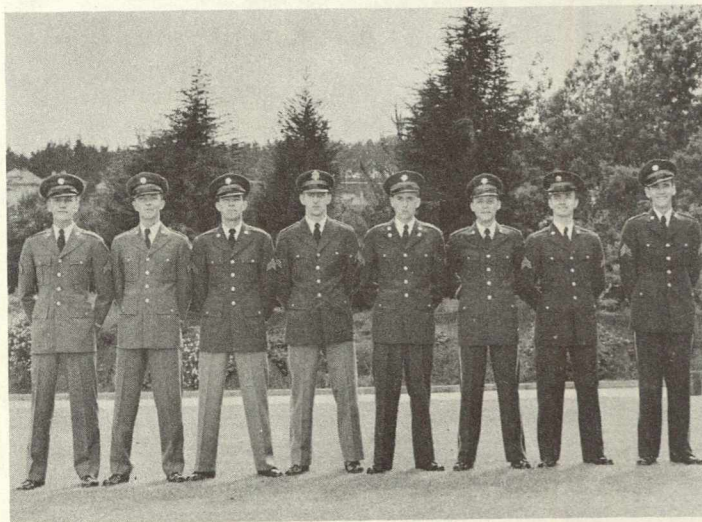
The caps were shown with rigid grommets and with rolled grommets. Choice of insignia on the cap was as follows: The Great Seal similar to the present officer's cap with colored enamel to designate branch of service; the Great Seal on an enameled background showing branch color; the Great Seal on a brass disc as at present. There was a choice of white, buff (chamois) or gray gloves.

A dark blue overcoat was shown and a dark blue cape with gold sat-



NEW FASHIONS FOR ARMY WOMEN

The first four girls in the picture above are modeling the color and fabric variations in the proposed Army general service uniform; the other three wear the present WAC uniform, the Marine and WAVE uniform. The four new ones are in beige tropical worsted, moss green gabardine, olive drab, and moss green serge. All the models are WACs. L. to R.: T/4 Lucille Fehner, Walter Reed Hospital; Sgt. Margaret Renn, Walter Reed; S/Sgt. Mary Kay Hanline, Walter Reed; Sgt. Clive Maxwell, Fort Monroe, Va.; T/5 Anna Christensen, Letterman General Hospital; Sgt. Gwendolyn Duffy, Fort Bragg; T/4 Loretta Bouchard, Walter Reed.



THE NEW ARMY DRESS BLUES

One of these eight uniforms will be chosen as the Army dress blue uniform after the Quartermaster General learns from the survey now under way just which is preferred by the majority of Army personnel. Colors range from light through medium to dark blue. The group showing the new garb are all from Camp Lee, Virginia. L. to R.: T/Sgt. Leonard Koch, Cpl. William Deterline, Cpl. Fountain Reed, Cpl. Richard M. Summerfield, Cpl. James Hillman, Cpl. John Vaaler, Cpl. Marion Hutchinson, Cpl. Lewis LaFrance.

in lining for outdoor wear with the dress uniform.

On the feminine side, four uniforms were shown, all identical in style, varying only in color and fabric. Two were for winter wear, two for summer. The uniform is made up of skirt, blouse and battle jacket. The skirt differs from the present gored skirt in that it has a kick pleat in the front.

For winter an OD serge uniform and a moss green serge were shown; for summer a beige tropical worsted and a moss green gabardine. Both greens are soft pale colors, the winter green just a shade darker than the summer one. Both white and pale green shirts were shown.

For outdoor wear the models displayed a field coat and a raincoat.

The show in which the styles were modeled was effectively staged, with musical accompaniment by the Sixth Army band, and began with a showing of dress uniforms of the U. S. Army of 1776 contrasted with those worn in 1938. Present dress uniforms of the British and the French Armies were also modeled.

After the proposed new uniforms were exhibited, to the accompaniment of descriptive remarks from a member of the survey team, all military personnel in the audience were requested to fill out the survey questionnaire. They were asked their opinions on all the uniforms shown and also urged to make suggestions for changes in design. It was announced that blue was chosen for the men's uniforms as the color most becoming to the average man, and green for the women's because it was considered most flattering to all complexion types.

In addition to the eight-page questionnaire, 20 per cent of the personnel at each post are asked for more detailed opinions in intensive interviews.

No official results of the survey on this post were given, but inquiry revealed that generally speaking the enlisted personnel preferred the lighter blue uniforms and officers the darker blue.

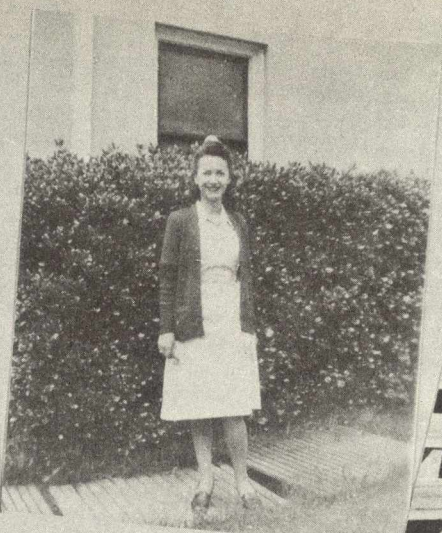
The reaction of the women to the new moss green was not too favorable, mainly because it was felt that it was not a good all-purpose color. And the majority here did not like the idea of the battle jacket as the only authorized wear. They wanted the present longer

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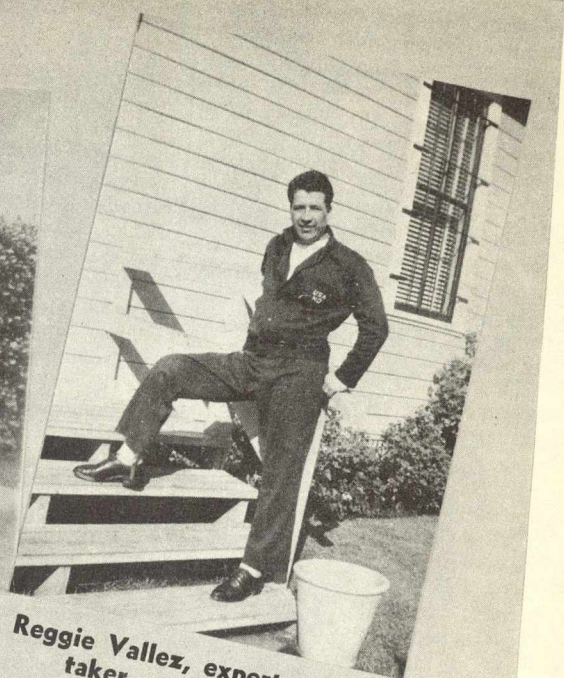
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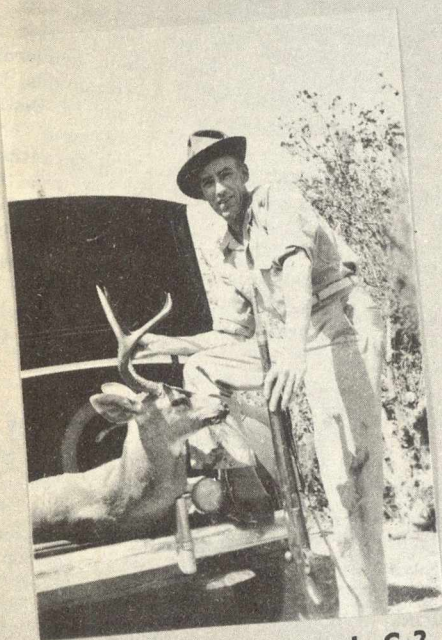
Lt. Frances Harlee and T/4 Hannah Goldberg look the situation over.



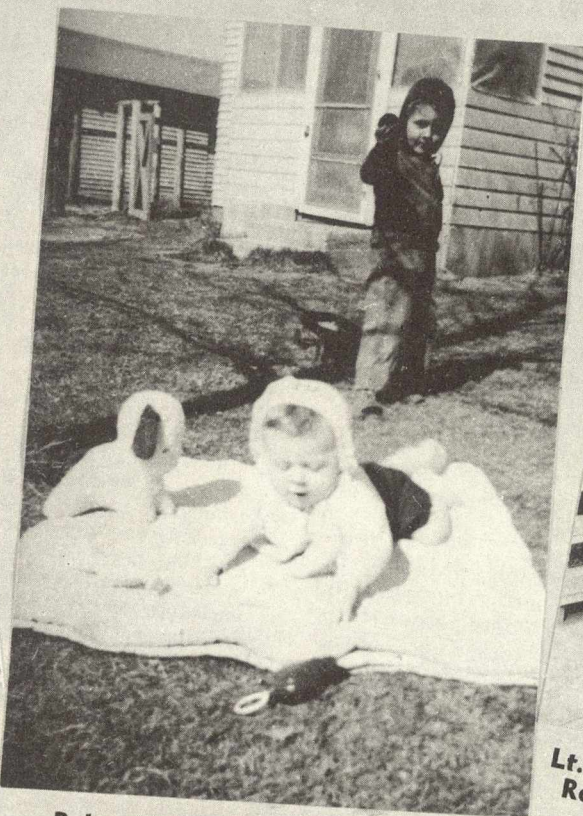
Capt. Josephine Rosicky, ANC, en route to duty.



Reggie Vallez, expert picture-taker, poses for one.



Abraham Harris, ward C-2, and the 145-lb. buck he shot last season.



Robert and Ronald, sons of Clyde Mercer of ward C-2



Lt. Aileen Lasse and T/4 Rena Regas momentarily "at ease."

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations

The selection of Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss to be the new Surgeon General of the Army is one that will be received with almost unanimous approval by the personnel of the Medical Department.

In his capacity as Deputy Surgeon General, and before that as Assistant Surgeon General, the new head of the Medical Department has witnessed and contributed to the growth of the medical service far beyond anything achieved in its prior history. His four years were war years and the problems concomitant with the aftermath of wars find him familiar with the pattern evolved in the school of experience to bring forth a successful solution.

The organization of the present training program was largely the work of General Bliss and the consultants who looked to him for leadership. It is an ambitious program and it has been received with such enthusiasm by the medical officers that its success is assured. The patients entrusted to the care of the Army Medical Department will be the beneficiaries of the broader knowledge acquired by our medical officers.

By visits in person General Bliss is familiar with medical installations and facilities wherever our troops are serving. He knows what the Medical Department needs to fulfil



Recently welcomed to the dietitians' staff was Lieutenant Naomi Meilicke, MDD, who has recently returned from overseas duty in Germany. Lieutenant Meilicke came into the Army by way of the WAC. She formerly taught home economics, and when dietitians were given military status, she wanted to transfer from the WAC. And did—but had to wait two years before she accomplished her purpose. The two years were spent in training, as an assistant dietitian.

Captain Josephine Rosicky, ANC, and Captain Edith Mercer, ANC, went to Los Angeles last week-end on a 72-hour pass, and report that they had lots of fun.

Lieutenants Frances DesPrez and Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy spent the week-end in Carmel accumulating suntan.

Major Frances Everett, ANC, left this week for Camp Stoneman, and will shortly take off for overseas duty in Yokohama.

Lieutenant Louise Page of dietetics department is in the first week of a two-week course in mess administration at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Captain Isabel Mason, ANC, is on a 21-day leave. She plans to go to Los Angeles and Boulder Dam, and may even go home to Wisconsin if the 21 days prove elastic enough.

Lieutenants Emily Mueller and Aileen Lasse of Physical Therapy are spending a seven-day leave in Los Angeles. Lieutenant Doris Slack drove down with them, but since she was not on leave, she promptly flew back.

its mission of caring for the sick and wounded and he knows where to get it.

The four years ahead call for the best in our medical personnel and the choice for the high office of Surgeon General is the best that could be made. It augurs well for the future of the Medical Department and the welfare of the patients in army hospitals.

Congratulations, General Bliss.

WAC

The six lucky WACs now modeling the proposed new army uniforms have a rare opportunity to see most of the country. A poll will give the final verdict. We hope Mary K. Hanline, Gwendelyn A. Duffy, Loretta Bouchard, Lucille Fehner, Clice C. Maxwell and Margaret Renn will enjoy their stay in San Francisco.

Robbie Gaulding is one of the few in the detachment whose nocturnal work hours permit continuous sun bathing . . . to say we envy that tan is putting it mildly.

Incidentally, could anyone identify the person who slowly stumbled along with a case, quite full, of canned golden glow beer? And where is the sheet that was so heavy to carry? All this, according to eye witness reports, occurred at a joyful WAC picnic hosted by our acting CO, Frances L. Harillee, the officer with the catching smile.

News flash! The Athene team wins tumultuous victory over Pallas bowling team. Details and scores missing but opposing team mates still on speaking terms.

Seeing a Greek stage play for the first time left E. Lee, Betty Hess and Virginia Hidalgo with mingled feelings. Title of the play was "Mixed Marriage," and the pantomime kept the plot in the clear, but failed to stop the incessant rolling of Hess's head . . . may we recommend 72 hours of uninterrupted sleep?

Daisy May and Alice Ruch, former occupants of the Morgue, keep us posted as to the entrance fee to Germany via the WAC . . . the same old basic days of fall in, fall out, only a bit of color has been added. They carry their own cutlery. Wonder if their post is short of knives and forks?

About that reference to the Morgue—it is the unique building catalogued as 214X and we must tragically record that its occupants are obliged to seek new bunks. It seems you can't have a barracks occupied by only six persons, so the building will be barred and bolted even to the females of the army.

Marjorie Burns, so it is reported, is a dependable alarm clock . . . she sees that her buddies to the right and left get up in time for brunch in the PX . . . Carolyn Fix has finished a model ship. The masts are up, but the sails are still in the making. Too bad we can't go sailing, sailing over the bounding main.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 27 April, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

AT CRISSY FIELD ANNEX:

Sunday Protestant worship at 1000.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Wedding Bells

Lieutenant Nora Showalter, ANC, became the bride of John Thomas Zellars, Jr., at 4 o'clock on Monday, April 21, in the Chapel of Our Lady on the Presidio post. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Major) F. D. Bridenstine. The chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion with calla lilies and white stock.

The bride was lovely in a white satin gown with a train and her fingertip veil was crowned with a becoming coronet. She carried a bouquet of white orchids, bouvardia and gardenias. Her bridesmaids, Lt. Pauline Bruno, ANC, and Lt. Denise Descorcie, ANC, wore long blue frocks and carried pink carnations. Major Michael J. Hitchko gave the bride away. Frank Bostick was best man, and Allan Martin was usher.

Following the ceremony, a wedding reception was held in the Nurses' Recreation hall, after which Mr. and Mrs. Zellars left on their wedding trip.

Cancel Convention

The Executive Committee of the Chaplains Association of the Army and Navy of the United States announces the cancellation of the Seventeenth Annual Convention and Training Conference of the Chaplains Association of the Army and Navy of the United States. The Association was scheduled to meet in San Antonio, Texas, 6-9 May 1947.

Next Convention of the Association will be held in New York during May 1948.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ALETHA BIRCHFIELD
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Aletha Birchfield not only has the longest eyelashes at Letterman (the better to charm you with), she also has the distinction of being named after a Greek goddess. What's more, the name Aletha means Truth, so naturally Aletha is known for telling nothing but the truth.

Sometimes she is nicknamed "Lee," but most of her friends stick to the more musical Aletha. She was born in Joliet, Illinois, but her home for most of her life has been Fontana, California. She attended Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, and before she joined the WAC she worked for the San Bernardino Air Depot doing pen-and-ink drawings which were used in visual aid tests.

Aletha came into the Army in February 1945, and after induction at Los Angeles went to Fort Oglethorpe for her basic training. This was followed by surgical technicians' training at Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, where she remained "until they closed the back door," as she puts it, after which she went to Camp Cooke, Calif., for six months. There she worked in Occupational Therapy, teaching various crafts to patients in the station hospital.

She came to Letterman a year ago, and was happy to be assigned to O. T. here. She is in the O. T. shop on ward S-1, and says she finds her work both absorbing and enjoyable.

Since Aletha has been at Letterman she has done some notable work in ceramics, and won a first prize at a San Mateo hobby show where her work was exhibited. She also does portraits, mostly in water color.

At present she is studying Psychology.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club held their first Annual Exhibit at the Recreation Center Monday evening, 21 April, and entertained guests from the various Bay Area collectors clubs as well as a large group of patients and duty personnel of LGH.

Under the direction of club president **Bruce Olsen**, patient on ward F-1, a committee of five, composed of **Richard Grant**, ward 3, **J. J. Johnson**, ward 25, **Henry Cottam**, ward 25, **Melvin Love**, A-2, and **Edward Fiske**, ward K-1, ably planned the show. **McGruder Wilkinson**, advisor of the California Collectors' Club, and **Miss Ruth Horne**, Red Cross recreation worker, were liaison for their respective organizations. All the Bay Area clubs and their members were helpful in aiding the LGH club in this first effort in showmanship.

Over 200 sheets were shown at the exhibit, including non-competitive frames of Chinese stamps and Red Cross stamps. There were three judges, one from each of the following clubs: California Collectors' Club, San Francisco; East Bay Collectors' Club, Oakland; Alameda Stamp Club, Alameda. The winning awards were announced over the microphone by President **Bruce Olson**. The winners received ribbons as well as valuable stamps.

There were two grand awards. The first went to **Melvin Love** for his collection of Red Cross stamps; the second to **Randolph Vinding**, ward D-2, for his collection of U. S. stamps.

In the specialized collections, first prize went to **Melvin Love**, second to **Edwin C. Larsen**, and third to **Richard Grant**. No first or third prizes were awarded for the Air Mail collections, but **Paul Weinhold** of ward 31 took second prize.

For the U. S. collections, first prize, **Randolph Vinding**; second, **Charles Kahman**; third, **John Cochran**. A second third prize was also awarded to **Lt. Margaret Williams**, ANC.

Foreign collection prizes were as follows: First, **Richard Grant**; second, **Paul Weinhold**; third, **Ann Roorda**, WAC. In this class also a second third prize was given—to **Henry Cottam**.

Clyde Mermer of ward C-2 says he enjoys sitting and thinking. Seems he got behind on this thinking and now he has a chance to catch up on it. Only trouble is, he says, sometimes if you overdo this thinking business, comes a vacuum.

Sidney Kimble was rejoicing mightily over his forthcoming discharge this week, and making plans for an immediate return to his home in Louisiana—but fast.

Report from ward 31: "The extensive cribbage tournament that has been in progress for the past several weeks was concluded last Saturday with **Sgt. Nicholas Schiavone** defeating **Sgt. Walter Reed** five out of fifteen games in the final match. **Sgt. Schiavone's** winnings included a cash award plus a special award ceremoniously presented by **Miss Nancy Jones**, representing the Red Cross Recreation Department. **Sgt. Reed** accepted second prize (a substantial remuneration!) and **Sgt. George Moreno** was allowed Honorable Mention following a brilliant effort in the semi-finals. **Sgt. Schiavone** was relief player for **Pfc. Herbert Anderson** who departed on furlough midway in the tournament."

Jack Clausen of ward C-2 was tied up the other day—literally, that is. In a sling suspended from the ceiling, which permitted arm-waving if desired, he was, he said "just resting my achin' fingers."

Thanks to **Reggie Vallez** of ward C-2 for a number of snapshots supplied for this issue of the Fog Horn (see page 3). **Reggie** has fun being a wandering photographer, camera in hand, and people have fun posing for him. **Reggie** says he's been in hospitals for five years now, and is "still kicking." Vigorously, he means, not complainingly.

Abraham Harris is an active member of the Anglers' Club, and is to be seen on the ward bending over the small vise that holds the flies he is tying. Not only does he have a big collection ready for the current Sportsmen's show at the Civic Auditorium here, he also has a flock of flies tied which he intends to test out on his forthcoming furlough. He's going to Watsonville, and will be waiting at a trout stream when the season opens on May 1.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FRANK CORNELL
Sergeant

Sergeant **Frank Cornell**, patient on ward B-2, represented Letterman in the Sixth Army table tennis tournament at Fort Ord recently and carried off both the singles and doubles championships. Championship trophies are nothing new for **Frank**—he's won them for lawn tennis as well as table tennis, but he says these particular trophies are the best in his collection. He plays for the Oakland Tennis Club, and will play in the LGH tennis tournament on May 1. In table tennis, he's No. 2 man in the Bay Area, and frequently plays exhibition matches.

Frank is from New York, but he and his wife, **Kathryn**, now live in Oakland. He has been in the Army since 1941, went overseas with the 37th Division, and served at Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Luzon. He was wounded near Manila, and evacuated to the United States by air. His left arm was injured, and he is still unable to use it, but wins tournaments in spite of the handicap.

He recently had a three-month furlough and he and his wife went to France and England on a trip which combined business with pleasure. As a result of the trip, **Frank** is now sales representative for a company with offices in New York and England.

Before the war he traveled in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Italy, and says that as a result he now speaks several foreign languages, including French, German, Italian, Polish and Czech.

In addition to his sports activities, **Frank** is taking a night course in business mathematics. He's also a baseball fan, and he specifies that he's a rooter for the Oakland team.

CIVIL CIRCLES

May Fewer, who works in the baby department in the Main PX at Letterman, should be an authority on what to buy for infants. She has just welcomed her sixth grandchild, Laura May, and has now returned after a week spent taking care of her daughter's two other children.

Pearl Alig of Personal Affairs was disappointed last week-end in her plans for a trip to Santa Cruz with her husband. He had to work, so the trip was postponed. It would have been her first trip there, too.

Message from the PX: "Now it is as easy to acquire, a dewy, glowing complexion as it is to purchase the hat of your dreams. Beauty Counselor Service makes this possible to the feminine personnel here at Letterman. Mrs. Woods, in the Letterman Post Exchange, knows the answer—talk to her and start your own campaign for loveliness."

Sarah Johnson of the X-ray laboratory has resigned to stay at home and take care of her mother.

Mary Stein, formerly in Control office, has transferred and is now in Military Personnel.

Marian Breach of Military Personnel and her husband are the proud possessors of a glittering new cream-colored coupe.

Betty Slaughter of the PX has resigned to return to the duties of homemaker, and her cousin, Ethel Slaughter, has returned to work there after a three-month absence.

Norman Hill is resigning from the PX, and plans to attend the University of San Francisco. He intends to teach when he has completed his studies.

Annette Feller, secretary on ward S-1, spent the week-end in Petaluma. Divident: One super-sunburn.

T. R. Pool, carpenter with the Post Engineer, returned last week from a trip to New York, where he visited his 86-year-old mother and helped her celebrate her birthday on March 20. Mr. Poole was gone for a month. He went East on the "City of San Francisco," enjoyed stopovers in Chicago, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, and spent the rest of his leave in New York. Although Mr. Pool was originally from New York he has been at Letterman for 11 years, and California seems just like home to him now.

The Army has a proposition for you. See the Recruiting Officer.

HARRIET MAKES MUSIC AT LGH AND TEACHES PATIENTS TO MAKE IT, TOO



Miss HARRIET BAKEN
Music Instructor, Educational Reconditioning

Harriet Baken, whose major interest is music, has a musical voice to match her musical background. As music instructor with Educational Reconditioning, she is in charge of the musical program offered to patients at Letterman, and she says she thoroughly enjoys her work.

Her background of preparation has been an extensive one. She majored in music at the University of Idaho in her home town of Moscow, Idaho, and after receiving her Bachelor of Music degree she went to New England Conservatory of Music in Boston on a scholarship. There she continued her studies in piano, music theory, harmony, counterpoint, and sight singing.

She gave several piano concerts while she was in Boston, and was also a member of the Boston Trio, a group composed of piano, violin and cello. Harriet played with the trio four or five times a week.

She was interested in the further study of musicology, and wanted to work with Arnold Schoenberg, so she went next to UCLA to work for

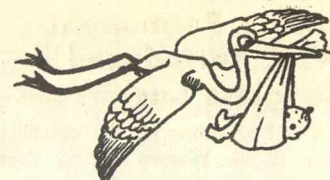
her master's degree. She has now completed all the necessary courses for her M. A., and is working on her thesis.

Her first work with the Army was at Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Washington, as music instructor with Educational Reconditioning. She came to Letterman in December 1945.

Here she gives both individual and class instruction in piano and in music theory. "I try to give as much individual instruction as I possibly can," she says, "so that the patients will be able to progress as quickly as their capabilities permit."

She has recently joined The Franciscans, a newly - organized semi - professional San Francisco choral group, as their accompanist.

Harriet has a number of diversions she enjoys in her leisure time. Concerts top the list, of course, and she tries to see all the important plays that come to San Francisco. She likes bridge, too, and on the sports side enjoys ice skating and golf.



To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Edward B. Greene, a girl, **Michille Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 12 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas N. Brindle, a boy, **Thomas Lee**, born 14 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Pfingsten, a girl, **Robyn Kay**, born 15 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Stanley Richardson, a boy, **Val**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 15 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George A. Knight, a boy, **James Francis**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 15 April.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jerome B. York, a boy, **Tyler Sharbrough**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 16 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George Sauer, a girl, **Karen**, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces, born 16 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James V. De Coster, a girl, **Terri Frances**, born 17 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Clifford D. Marburger, a girl, **Marjorie Elizabeth**, born 17 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Jeffreys, a girl, **Pamelia Colleen**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 18 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Leaven, a girl, **Louisiana Ayers**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 18 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Michael Rucinski, a boy, **Peter Rucinski**, weight 9 lbs. and 12 oz., born 21 April.

Separation of Draftees at LGH

This week Letterman's Separation Center completed separation procedures for the last of the draftees in the detachment. "We have separated 338 draftees since the order directing that they be out by May 15 was issued last month," said Captain Virginia Breed, officer in charge of Separation Center. All remaining members of the detachment at Letterman are Regular Army men.

The Separation Center, with a staff of 20, has separated 2747 persons since November 1. This is an average of nearly 500 a month, it was pointed out by M/Sgt. Thomas H. Werry of Separation Center.

Bill for Permanent WAC Introduced in Congress Last Week

A bill providing for the establishment of the Women's Army Corps as an integral component of the Regular Army and for the appointment and enlistment of women in the Officer and Enlisted Reserve Corps was introduced into the 80th Congress last week.

The bill, entitled the "WAC Integration Act of 1947," calls for a maximum strength of two per cent of the Regular Army strength as authorized from time to time. The Director of the Corps will have the temporary rank of Colonel, while a Lieutenant Colonel will serve as Deputy. Initially officers will be selected from those who are serving or have served during the war in the existing Women's Army Corps.

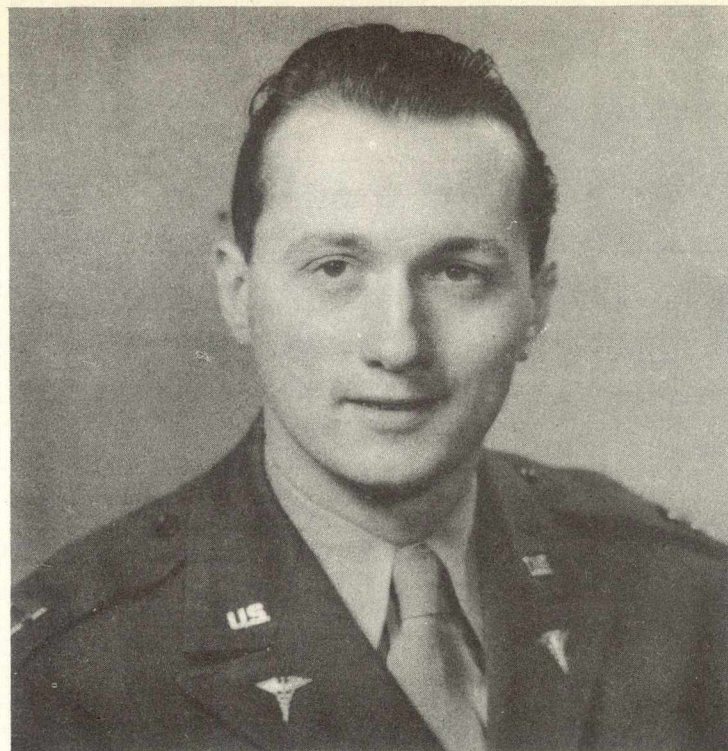
The existing Women's Army Corps, which was established by law for the duration of the war plus six months, will not be abolished by this bill. It will continue as at present but a large part of its personnel will gradually be absorbed into the Women's Army Corps, Regular Army. Those who do not become a part of the Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, upon release from active duty, are entitled to become a part of the reserves.

The War Department pointed out that the bill was presented as one phase of the over-all legislation pertaining to Army personnel requirements.

In presenting the bill, the War Department points out that the inclusion of women in the Regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps has been recommended on the basis of four important personnel factors: (1) to maintain a nucleus of women in the Regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps that will be capable of immediate expansion to meet the country's needs in case of a national emergency; (2) to provide a small organization of women in the Regular Army for the application and development of future plans relative to the use of American woman-power in the national security program; (3) to secure the most economical use of all personnel by the utilization of women in positions where their special aptitudes best fill army requirements; and (4) to assist in filling the Army's personnel requirements by means of voluntary enlistments.

All present or former WAC of—
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HE'S SEEING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF CALIFORNIA BEFORE HE LEAVES



Captain EDGAR THORNTON PFEIL, MC
Chief, Neurosurgery Section

Captain Edgar T. Pfeil, chief of Neurosurgery Section at Letterman, has specialized in neurosurgery all during his medical career, and says that he feels he has been particularly fortunate that his assignments in the Army have also been in that field.

He is native of Baltimore, Maryland, and studied medicine at the University of Maryland, taking his degree in the School of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons. He interned at the University Hospital, and before he entered the Army was acting resident in neurosurgery at that hospital.

Captain Pfeil joined the Army in July 1945, and spent two months at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, at the medical field service school. He was then assigned to duty at DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, California, where he was in the neurosurgery section.

When DeWitt closed in December 1945, he came to Letterman, to the neurosurgery section here. The following October he was made chief of that section.

Captain Pfeil and his wife Virginia now make their home here on the post. They have a two-year-old son, Teddy. Teddy's name is really

Edgar Thornton Pfeil, III, but he probably doesn't think of himself that way yet. "My father was the first Edgar Thornton, and he was called Ed. Then I was called Thorny, and for the baby we combined the two names and made it Teddy," says Captain Pfeil. Looking ahead, we see the real problem is going to arise when Teddy has a son, and he has to fix up another variation.

Captain Pfeil used to have a collection of tropical fish, but the fatalities were so frequent and the replacements so costly that he regretfully abandoned the hobby for the present. Seems the Baltimore climate didn't agree with the fish. They were probably holding out for California.

Horseback riding is one of Captain Pfeil's favorite pastimes, along with traveling and sightseeing. The Pfeils have been spending a good deal of their leisure time exploring as much as possible of California, and they plan to visit friends in San Diego when the captain receives his discharge, which will be some time next month. On July 1 Captain Pfeil is due back in Baltimore, and will again be at the University Hospital as resident in neurosurgery.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

"The woods are full of people who miss the boat when they chose a lifetime job—farmers who would rather be grocery store operators, machinists who would rather be farmers, lawyers who would rather be doctors."

This is the view of Colonel John N. Andrews, personal representative of General Bradley, who says the same thing might be happening today to some of the millions of veterans in training under the GI Bill. Some of these former servicemen, he says, may have rushed into school or other training programs without a clear idea of their ultimate objectives.

This need not happen, Colonel Andrews points out, for Veterans Administration, in cooperation with educational institutions, has developed nearly 20 vocational guidance centers for veterans in Northern California alone. These guidance centers offer the services of trained counselors and the advantages of the finest aptitude testing and vocational guidance methods yet developed by American educators.

Veterans Administration does not seek to make up the veteran's mind for him on what he should do for a career. That decision in the final analysis, is up to the veteran himself. VA guidance centers merely help the veteran in finding his best aptitudes and the things he can do with most success.

All VA hospitals in Northern California, the Naval hospitals in Oakland and at Mare Island and the Army Letterman General hospital in San Francisco have VA guidance centers. Other VA guidance centers are located in San Jose, Fresno, Sacramento, Marysville, Arcata, Santa Rosa, Chico, Kentfield, Auburn, Vallejo, Visalia, Modesto, Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, Stockton, Oakland (Merritt School) and San Francisco (Galileo High School and 750 Eddy Street).

May we never let the things we can't have, or don't have, or shouldn't have, spoil our enjoyment of the things we do have and can have. As we value our happiness let us not forget it, for one of the greatest lessons in life is learning to be happy without the things we cannot or should not have.—Richard L. Evans.

Discuss Plans For Reserve Unit

Plans for an Army Nurse Corps Section in the Officers' Reserve Corps, which will be set up under the bill just recently passed by Congress, were discussed during the four-day conference of the Army's chief nurses from all parts of the country, Colonel F. A. Blanchfield, Chief of the Nursing Division, announced recently.

The conference was devoted to a consideration of present policies and practices and long-range plans concerned with nursing problems.

With the passage of the legislation there will be for the first time in the Officers' Reserve Corps nurses and also dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

The procurement, training and assignment of reserve nurses was one of the subjects taken up at the conference. In the event of necessity for mobilization the Reserve nurses will come into the Army already trained for the jobs to which they will be assigned.

"This program," Colonel Blanchfield said, "should be of interest to all nurses, particularly those who served during World War II."

Full information concerning requirements for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps will be published upon enactment of Nurse Corps legislation.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, gave the welcoming address at the conference and other leading officials of the Medical Department spoke on matters related to nursing problems.

A dinner at the close of the conference was given at Fort Myer in honor of Colonel Blanchfield, whose tour of duty expires May 31.

Fire Sale Coming

A fire originating in the main store of the Letterman branch of the Bay Area Exchange on Wednesday evening brought out the full fire fighting force of the Presidio Fire Department before it was brought under control.

The damage was estimated at \$2600 by Lt. Col. Wenzel D. Roth, the Bay Exchange Officer, who said the blaze was caused by spontaneous combustion.

The Exchange is located in Building 1018 immediately under the Post Chapel and the chaplain denies the implication of Colonel Eddie Dwan that the conflagration followed a spirited address at services that same evening.



MORE ON NEW UNIFORMS

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blouse as more becoming to more types.

Lt. John N. Wellman, QMC, was in charge of the Army personnel who put on the show. The men who wore the uniforms in the show, all from Camp Lee, Virginia, were: T/Sgt. Leonard Koch, Cpl. William Deterline, Cpl. Fountain Reed, Cpl. Richard M. Summerfield, Cpl. James Hillman, Cpl. John Vaaler, Cpl. Marion Hutchinson, and Cpl. Lewis LaFrance.

All the feminine models were WACs, and the girl who wore the present WAC uniform in the show is a member of the Letterman detachment, T/5 Anna Christensen. The others were: T/4 Lucille Fehner, Sgt. Margaret Renn, S/Sgt. Mary Kay Hanline, T/4 Loretta Bouchard, all from Walter Reed Hospital; Sgt. Clive Maxwell, Fort Monroe, Va.; Sgt. Gwendolyn Duffy, Fort Bragg.

The civilians from the Survey Research Center at the University

The conscience of a democracy is the conscience of its citizens. It represents their capacity to know, to think, to judge and finally to choose between right and wrong. In the last analysis the United States will set its course in 1947 by the flickering or clear light of the conscience of the people —Anne O'Hare McCormick.

Be true to the best you know. This is your high ideal. If you do your best, you cannot do more. Do your best every day and your life will gradually expand into satisfying fullness. Cultivate the habit of doing one thing at a time with quiet deliberateness. Always allow yourself a sufficient time in which to do your work well. Frequently examine your working methods to discover and eliminate unnecessary tension. Aim at poise, repose and self-control. The relaxed worker accomplishes most.—Horatio W. Dresser.

of Michigan were Wallace E. Whitmore, Robert S. Fulton, Lawton E. Boleander and J. W. Goddard.

MORE ON WAC CORPS

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Officers who have not reached their 48th birthday will be eligible to apply for appointment in the WAC, Regular Army. Integration devices similar to those used in the male integration program will be followed. Appointments during the integration program will be followed. Appointments during the integration period will be made in grades of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain and major respectively. Promotion to lieutenant colonel will be by selection in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Following the integration program, officer appointments will be made under the provisions applicable to appointment of male officers.

Candidates for warrant officers must be 21 years old and regulations existing for male appointments will apply to women.

Enlistment regulations for WACs will be the same as for male personnel except that no one under 18 may enlist and anyone under 21 must have the consent of parent or guardian.

Women will be appointed in the Officer Reserve Corps or enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Generally the laws and regulations applicable to men will apply to women.

The Reserve will afford a reservoir of trained personnel that, with a minimum of orientation, will be available for service if such a need should ever arise.

Each person has an ideal, a hope, a dream of some sort which represents his soul. In the long light of eternity this seed of the future is all that matters! We must find this seed no matter how small it is; we must give to it the warmth of love, the light of understanding and the water of encouragement. We must learn to deal with people as they are—not as we wish them to be. We must study the moral values which shape our thinking, arouse our emotions and guide our conduct. We must get acquainted with our own inner stream and find out what's going on in our heads and hearts. We must put an end to blind, instinctive, sensory thought and feeling. We must take time to be human.—Colby Dorr Damm.

And then there is the nurse who deducts 10 beats from the patient's pulse to allow for her personality.



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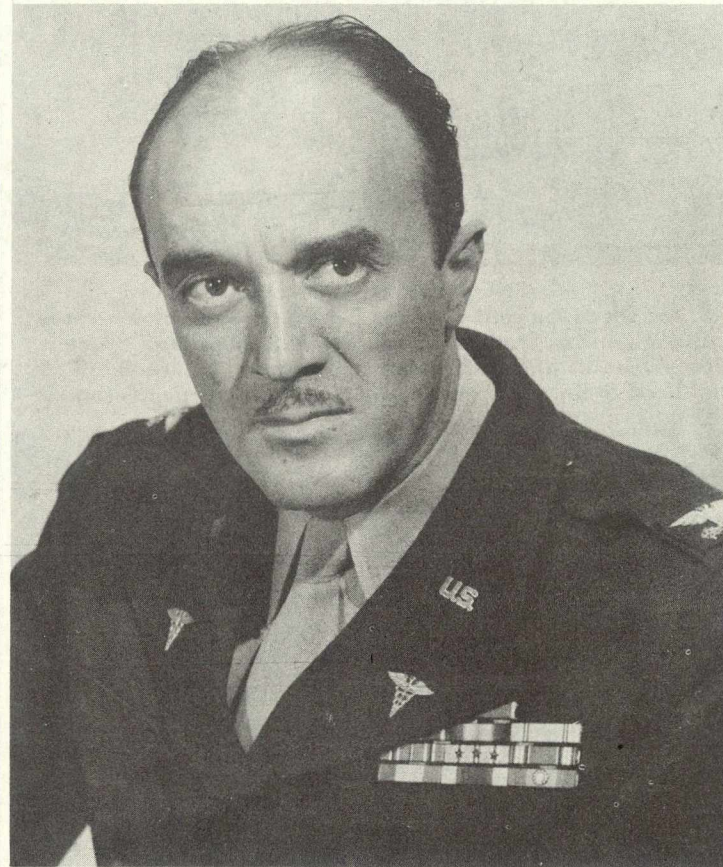
Col. Armstrong is Appointed Deputy Surgeon General

Colonel George Ellis Armstrong, MC, was last week nominated to succeed Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss as Deputy Surgeon General, when General Bliss assumes his new duties as Surgeon General on 1 June.

At present Colonel Armstrong is director of Personnel in the Office of the Surgeon General. He is a former Lettermanite, having started his Army career when he reported here in July 1925 to begin his internship under a reserve commission in the Medical Corps. A year later he was appointed to the Regular Army and has served continuously since that time. The stations at which he served during the years of peace included Schofield Barracks, Fort Stotsenburg, Tientsin, Benning and Carlisle.

When the emergency was declared in the Fall of 1939, Colonel Armstrong was attending the advanced course at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After completing the course in December 1939 he was assigned as Assistant to Colonel Paul R. Hawley (later Major General and Surgeon of the European Theater) where for more than a year he was engaged in the preparation of Medical Department Training Manuals.

In the Spring of 1941, he attended a special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, following which he returned to the Medical Field Service School and became the Director of the Department of Medical Administration. In April 1942 he was transferred to Camp Berkeley, Texas, to organize and operate a Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School. Some eight



Colonel GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, MC
**Who last week was nominated as Deputy Surgeon General
of the Army**

thousand (8,000) officers had been graduated from this school in August of 1943 when he was ordered to overseas duty in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations.

His first task on arriving in that Theater was the organization of a Field Medical School for the Chinese Army medical officers at Kweilin, China. In November 1943 he became Deputy Chief Surgeon of the CBI Theater with office in Chungking. In June 1944, he became Acting Chief Surgeon of the Theater

and in the Fall of the same year, when the CBI was separated into the India-Burma and China Theaters he became Chief Surgeon of the latter, a position which he continued to hold until his departure from China in June 1946.

In recognition of his overseas services he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States and the Cloud and Banner and Legion of Honor decorations by the Chinese Government. He wears three cam-

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To Extend Basic Training Course From 8 to 13 Weeks

(AFPS)—The present eight-week basic training program will be extended to 13 weeks early in May. This was recently disclosed by Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the AGF, when he declared that decrease in overseas demands now makes it possible to train individuals more thoroughly for their occupation duties and to provide overseas replacements with more complete basic training.

The increase in training time will be accomplished by the trainer and administrative overhead without personnel increase, the AGF commander disclosed.

The new program will provide a complete course in basic military training for all newly-enlisted personnel except members of the AAF. It does not provide for branch training and will not qualify an individual under any Military Occupation Specialty other than basic.

Under the new 13-week training program, greater emphasis will be placed on occupational duties. Increased training for better physical conditioning of the soldier will be stressed. The new course is based on a 40-hour training week.

Through this training he will be given an understanding of the conditions and importance of his service as an occupation soldier, AGF headquarters disclosed.

Trainees will be prepared to conduct themselves properly under all types of situations whether it be on a domestic or foreign assignment. They will be taught to realize they are ambassadors of the Army and that by their conduct, personal appearance and attainment of their mission, they will aid in increasing the standards of the military service.

Library Offers "The Books You Want When You Want Them"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LIBRARY! Just about this time of year, away back in 1918, the Library was professionally established at Letterman. The advent of World War I brought a program of library service to the army for the first time, and three professional members of the American Library Association were assigned to Letterman.

The original collection of books consisted of some 5000 recreational, medical and technical books. Accession records, shelf list, and a card catalog were set up, and the library was functioning. Due to the staunch support of post commanders the library has consistently grown, and today there are approximately 13,000 books in the Recreational Library and 3000 in the Medical Library, which makes it as large as libraries in many small towns of the United States.

There have been various librarians and assistants, both military and civilian, since 1918, and the library has occupied many different rooms in Letterman, but at all times it is evident that the present Army Library Service motto has been borne in mind—"The books you want when you want them."

All military personnel (patients, duty, and doctors) are entitled to use the library, plus the civilian personnel employed here. The library is heavily patronized, as is attested by the average circulation of 6000 books per month. Lettermanites like to read! Some of the bed patients average three books a day! Duty personnel, ambulatory patients and civilians borrow at the desk, and bed patients are served by the book cart twice a week.

As in most libraries, fiction is the most popular fare, running almost 2 to 1 over non-fiction in circulation. History, biography, literature, technical books and fine arts books are next in choice, in about that order. Photography, sports, language and music books are especially popular.

At one time no one wanted to read war books because the fighting was too grimly close, but the library acquired the better books as they were published. Now that the battles are far enough in the past, there is a large demand for these books, especially for divisional and unit histories, and for specific action tales.

Meet the Librarians! — Leah R. Frisby, head librarian, came to Letterman via the University of Utah



THE BOOK HE WANTS—

Bruce Olson, patient on ward F-1, gets the book he wants on "American Stamps," from the ward librarian. Bruce is president of the Letterman stamp club. L. to R.: T/4 Leon Stein, ward librarian Helen Jones, Bruce Olson.



—WHEN HE WANTS IT

Luis Serpas, from ward C-2, wheels into the library to find the books of his choice. Elizabeth Reeve is charging out a new one to him.

library and the 9th Service Command headquarters library, arriving here in August, 1945. A trained librarian, with years of experience in various phases of librarianship, she has responsibility for running the library. Especially interested in procuring the books people want, she is always open to suggestions from patients or personnel. If you don't find what you want in the library, go in and tell her about it.

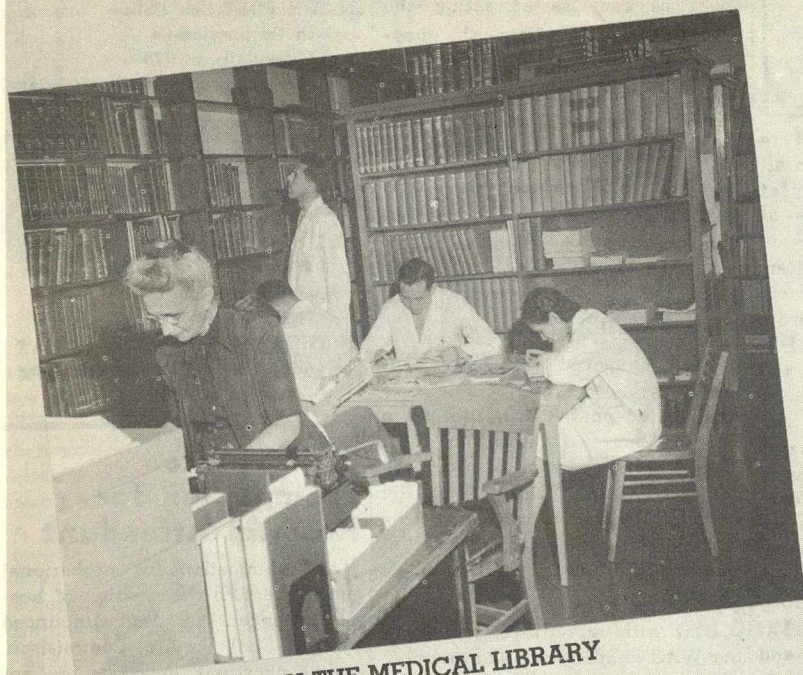
Helen Jones, ward service librarian, is the librarian the bed patients wait for each week, and good-naturedly rib if she is five minutes off schedule on the ward rounds with the book truck. She is a trained librarian, and had three years of service at Hammond General Hospital as head librarian before coming to Letterman in December 1945. Just try to stump her on authors, or the plots of books, especially whodunits! She knows the reading tastes of practically every bed patient and keeps them plentifully supplied with wanted material. She even remembers what books former patients of Hammond have read, when she encounters those patients here in Letterman! She does reference work for bed patients, taking books to them for their studies or hobbies, often sending to the State library for books not in the collection. Anything from angle worms to zebras—if you ask for it, she'll get it.

Hilda Allen, medical librarian, came to Letterman early in 1947 from the Lane Medical Library of Stanford University. Mrs. Allen has a fine training in medicine, surgery and dentistry, obtained in Germany before the Herr took over, and she lost no time in coming to America and taking citizenship in this country in the fateful year of 1939. The professional medical staff appreciate her excellent assistance, her expansive medical knowledge and her reading ability in several languages.

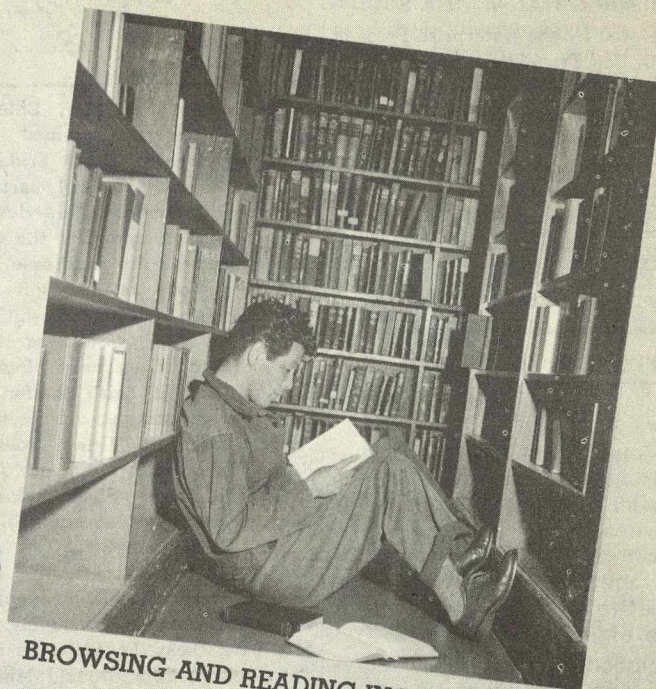
Mary Felty, assistant librarian, has been in the Library since August, 1945, doing a fine job of cataloging books and working at the circulation desk. She has an excellent library training background and worked in the Department of Agriculture library in Washington, D. C. for many years. She is leaving the hospital soon to fulfill Genesis 1:28 and we wish her the best of everything.

Elizabeth Reeve, assistant librarian, is "the lass with the delicate" (Continued on Page 8)

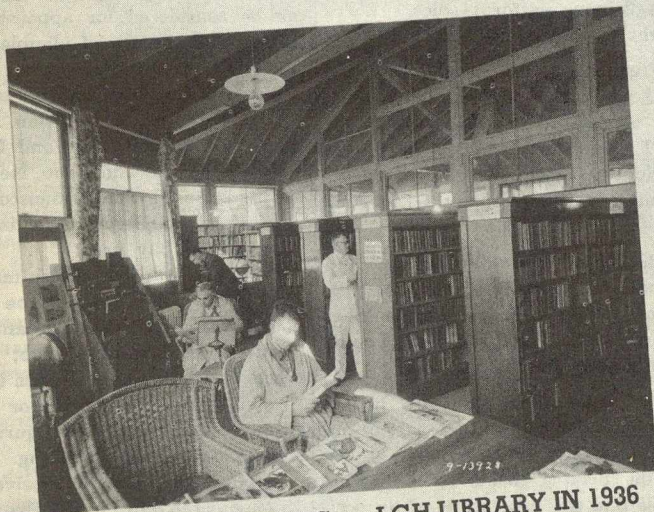
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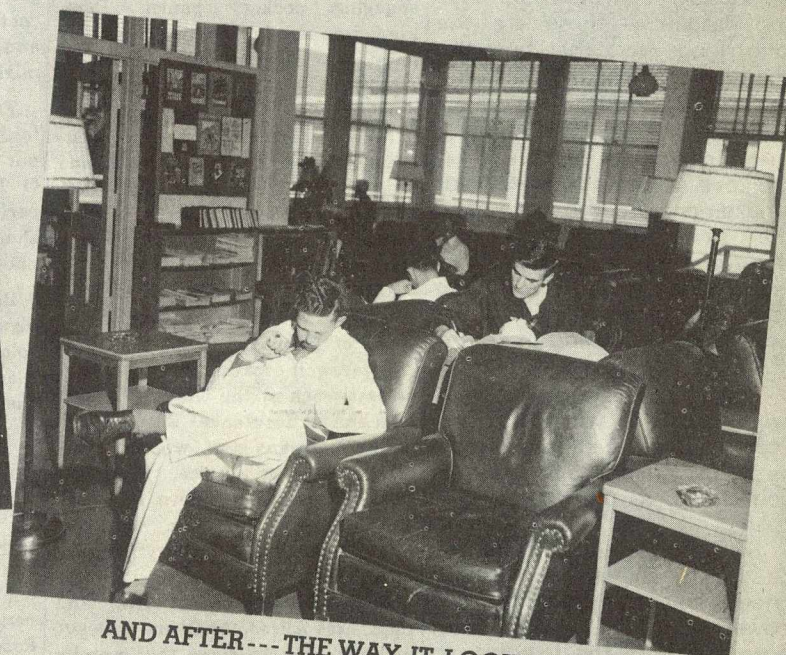
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EDITORIAL

YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching child-like appetite for what next, and the job and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man and from the Infinite, so long you are young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice



Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, entertained an almost capacity crowd last Friday at a housewarming cocktail party at her new apartment-with-a-view on Russian Hill. Illuminating the after-dusk scene was the handsome lamp sent as a housewarming gift from the captain's friends in the P.T. clinic. Assisting the hostess at the party were Lieutenant Beatrice Sandhoff and Lt. Leith Shaffer, and the other guests were: Lieutenants Frances DesPrez, Miriam Johnson, Ruth Wall, Edith Dumond, Leah Crawford, Doris Slack, Florence Lane, Dorothy Johnson, Denne Kuntz, Ruth Campbell, T/4 Rena Regas, T/4 Sue Burnett, Miss Holly Hocking, Mrs. Mary McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eisner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dicks, Lt. and Mrs. K. A. Toft-Nielson, Capt. Donald Minter, Capt. Edgar L. Geibel, Capt. Paul Kirch, Jr., Lt. Bob Trask, Lt. Milton Wellons, Flight Officer John Euchner, and last but certainly anything but least, F/O Euchner's engaging cocker spaniel, Pilot. Pilot was easily the most popular guest at the party, but received all attentions with a becoming air of modesty.

Now on terminal leave are Lieutenant Louise E. Dugan, ANC, and Lieutenant Mildred M. Devine, ANC, and both will leave shortly for their respective homes in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Lieutenant Jane Peers, ANC, is on leave and sunning herself on the sands of Carmel.

A farewell cocktail party was given last week at the Nurse's Recreation hall for Lieutenant Eileen Welch of the dietitians staff, who is separating from the service. The hostesses at the party were Lt. Mary Jane Keefe, MDD, Lt. Margaret Bohn, MDD, and Lt. Betty Wipperfuth, ANC.

Capt. Edith Mercer, ANC, and Capt. Lois Alfred, ANC, are on leave and planning to drive to Yosemite and to Boulder Dam.

of cynicism, then you have grown old indeed.—The Prater.

WAC

Getting news for this column is about as easy as extracting the proverbial needle from the haystack, but we try—the usual news-needling query in the mess hall is "Anything for the Fog Horn?"

"If wishes were fishes we'd all have a fry; If wishes were horses we'd all have a ride"—However, all Viola Hocking wishes for is "chocolate milk, please," with her meals. And we wait anxiously to see whether she'll get that wish.

What happened Saturday morning last when a group of nine were spot-lighted on the drill field for a test of "hut two three four" . . . "to the rear march" . . . "by the left flank march," etc? Why did Bennett decide to stop with the fence? After all, a few pieces of timber should not hold the WACs back!

It is with regretful sighs we see our WAC company shrink in number as we say "Adios" to Hannah Goldberg, Pat Nacey, Betty Grohosky, Kay Coffin and Ruby McAtee.

Where did Hess go Sunday night dressed in Fifth Avenue fashion, equipped with up-sweep hairdo, genuine pearls in both ears, tuxedo coat, small suitcase-sized handbag and 3-inch platform soles. We're mighty curious.

Frequently seen dressed in green fatigues these days is Sally Craig, our new Photo Lab instructor in the O. T. department. With Sally's experience teaching, the patients should turn out many a winning photo.

Back from a ten-day furlough and vigorously knitting a pair of multi-colored size 13 socks is none other than Sylvia Winer. Here's hoping she makes them long enough.

At least Rose Ruscak had a chance to enjoy the first part of her leave, spent in New York. But while driving back to California Rose had the misfortune of an accident in which the car she was driving turned over three times. It happened in Holbrook, Arizona, and Rose suffered a broken leg. Christine McConnell was dispatched to Holbrook to bring Rose back, and the two arrived here this week, Rose on a stretcher. She is now on Ward P, and welcomes visitors.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 4 May, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Civil Service Examination for Hospital Attendant

An examination for probational appointment to the position of hospital attendant has been announced by the Civil Service Commission, and applications must be in not later than 15 May 1947. Salaries range from \$1822 through \$3397 a year.

Competition in this examination is restricted by law to persons with veteran preference as long as they are available. Applications from others will be accepted, but they can be considered for appointment only in the absence of eligibles entitled to veteran preference.

Places of employment will be VA hospitals and centers at San Francisco, Oakland, Palo Alto and Livermore, California, and Reno, Nevada; Marine Hospital, San Francisco, and hospitals at War Department installations in the Bay Area.

Types of experience which may be used toward qualifying for the work include experience as attendant in a hospital; as a nurse's aide; as a practical nurse; active service in the Army Medical Department or Navy Hospital Corps, or any equivalent combination of the foregoing.

Applications must be received by 15 May at the office of the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration Branch, Office 12, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 11, Calif. Application forms may be obtained at that office or from Civilian Personnel Branch here at Letterman, Room 201, Administration Building.

WAC OF THE WEEK



STELLA E. WATRAS
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt Stella Watras, who has been in the WAC more than four years, says she could "write a couple of volumes on life in the Army," and when you ask if she intends to, she smiles a mysterious smile but she doesn't say yes and she doesn't say no. Since coming to Letterman last December she has worked in Personnel Authorization and in the Orthopedic Clinic, and says she enjoys her work very much.

Stella's plans for the future are indefinite—in fact, she says she doesn't make plans, she makes snap decisions. She's a native of Lebanon, Connecticut, and before she became a WAC did secretarial work. Her snap decision to enter the WAC was prompted by the desire to join her six brothers and a sister who were already in the service. Three brothers were in the Army; three in the Navy, and her sister was an Army nurse.

She joined the WAC in January 1943, and after basic training at Des Moines, came to San Francisco, and was stationed at Fort Mason for 20 months. Then after overseas training at Fort Oglethorpe, she went to New Guinea in November 1944.

After six months on New Guinea she was sent to Manila, where she remained for nearly six months more. She left the United States on 18 November 1944 and returned on 18 November 1945, rather enjoying the coincidence of "gone just one year to the day." Followed a 45-day leave, "of which I spent 44 days in bed with a terrific cold," she says.

Next she was assigned to her first hospital duty, and went around helping hospitals close—first Lawson General, at Atlanta, Georgia; then Wakeman at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and finally Moore General

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Seems that Jimmy Wheaton, on ward D-1 following surgery, was talking in his sleep and just about told all. The unfortunate thing is that nobody was there to take it down, and his story is that he doesn't remember.

Robert Brookes of Los Angeles, patient on ward 31, keeps up with race results via the morning paper, even though these days he doesn't get a chance to be present in person.

When Charles Seaver of ward 30 isn't in too good a mood, he works off steam pressure on the handsome leather purse he is making. He says he wants to get out of bed, but that nobody believes him.

Nicholas Schiavone of ward 31, winner of the recent cribbage tournament on the ward, has a new cribbage partner these days, and starts first thing in the morning with Harold Purdum as his opponent.

When Ellis Lorimer went to Los Angeles last week on a three-day pass he picked up his car and brought it back with him, and was looking forward to putting it to good use. But he's temporarily grounded on ward 31 and feels a little morose about the whole matter.

Antonio Garces, paratrooper, of ward 31, is making a rug showing the paratrooper insignia, and is turning it out in record time. Looks as though it will be finished within three days of the starting time, and that's fast.

Reggie Vallez of ward C-2 was happy this week when he learned that in three months he could discard the brace he is now wearing on his leg. He says that at the rate he's going he'll even be jitting before long.

Elvin Wall of ward 31 is enthusiastic about a book he's reading now—"The Usurper" by Harrison Kroll. He wants to read more of Kroll's novels when he finishes this one. Of course he gets his reading done in the daytime, because every evening he can look forward to a visit

Hospital at Swannanoa, North Carolina. She came from Moore to Letterman.

Stella, or "Stash," to give her her nickname, likes reading (mostly non-fiction), bowling, swimming (if the water's cold), and raising flowers.

from his fiancée, Ruth Lutz... Ruth has been on duty here as a member of the WAC detachment, but is now being separated. However that won't put an end to her visits, because she'll be right here in San Francisco.

Manuel Avila of Los Angeles, on ward 31, has a lot of interests with which to fill his time. He's making a woven belt, studying algebra, reading up on sports, and learning to play the guitar. Says he's not too crazy about the algebra, but he knows it'll be useful.

Benito Ornelas of San Bernardino, a couple of beds away from Manuel, is also learning to play the guitar, and in no time they'll be playing duets. William Lewis, who has the bed between them, says he'll be between two fires then, but he can take it. Besides, he can ask for songs about Arizona, his home state.

Mount Vernon, Washington, is the home of John Burt of ward 31, and although he was up there on furlough a month ago to see his wife Phyllis and their small daughter Margie, it wouldn't be too hard to take to go soon again.

Paul Weinhold of ward 31 is an enthusiastic member of the Letterman Stamp Club, and when the club held its first annual exhibit at the Recreation Hall last week, he became a portable bed patient for the occasion, being conveyed to the scene, bed and all.

MORE ON COL. ARMSTRONG

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paign stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, representing participation in the Burma Campaign of 1944 and the Chinese Defense and Offensive Campaigns of the years 1944 and 1945 respectively.

On his return from overseas he went to the Office of the Surgeon General on his current assignment as Chief of Office of Personnel. When he assumes the duties of Deputy Surgeon General, he will have the rank of Brigadier General.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.—Reginald B. Mansell.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



EARL LEE EBY
Sergeant

Sergeant Earl Eby, who is about to celebrate the first anniversary of his arrival at Letterman, is in charge of the Message Center, where he deals with and distributes the mountains of mail that find their way in and out on their way to various destinations in the hospital.

He was born in Butte, Montana, but has lived most of his life in Seattle, Washington. Before he came into the Army he worked as a movie projectionist in Seattle, and he intends to return to that work after he receives his discharge.

After his induction into the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington, in September 1945, Sergeant Eby went to Camp Lockett, California, for basic training and remained until May 1946. While there he went on putting movies through their paces, but when he came to Letterman in May, he was assigned to the Message Center. He re-enlisted for a 12-month period which will be up in July.

After arriving at Letterman, Sergeant Eby met T/5 Dorothy Marshall, who was stationed here with the WAC detachment, and romance was the order of the day. They were married last October, and are now living in Richmond.

Both he and his wife are fond of bowling, and spend a lot of their leisure time working to improve their scores. Sergeant Eby also enjoys fishing and swimming.

Man's knowledge of science has clearly outstripped his knowledge of man. Our only hope of making the atom servant rather than master lies in education, in a broad liberal education where each student within his capacity can free himself from trammels of dogmatic prejudice and apply his educational accoutrement to besetting social and human problems.—Harry Woodburn Chase.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Alice Thompson, manager of the Letterman PX, is entitled to point with pride this week to the picture of her small granddaughter which appeared in a North Hollywood newspaper. The baby is Jeri Lee Thompson, who is getting publicity these days because although she is not yet eight months old, she already has eight teeth, and even at this early age she's photogenic enough to be a pin-up girl.

Rebecca Garcia, of the Chaplain's office, and her husband Ray have extra rapid transit these days in their gleaming new maroon tudor sedan. They're thinking up a name for it and taking into consideration Ray's taste for speed on wheels, along with the initials for Ray and Rebecca, maybe they would call it the R. R. Meaning Rapid Rocket, that is!

Alice Torgerson of Finance Office has been thinking wistfully about the Wednesday noon fashion show at the Palace. Maybe some Wednesday, work permitting, she'll be able to have a look-see for herself.

Thanks to Leah Frisby, head librarian, for writing the interesting story about the Letterman Library and its personnel which appears on page two of this week's issue of The Fog Horn.

Signe Anderson, Chief Nurse's office, started a ten-day vacation this week. She and her sister are Oregon-bound.

Betty Ross of Military Personnel is wondering how to keep the Betty's in the family circle sorted out. She is expecting her sister-in-law Betty from Australia next week, and to add to the confusion, Betty's sister-in-law's daughter is Betty, too. Suggestion: Have apple-betty for dessert, so people can say "Pass the apple-betty, Betty."

Enroute to Boston in a brand-new car is Martha Phillips of Separation Center, and with a month's vacation in prospect, too!

Helen Diez' husband, who was rushed to the hospital early this week for emergency treatment for a heart ailment, is at home again and much improved.

Blanche Pritchard of Information Office and her sister Mickey Finn of Separation Center enjoyed Sunday breakfast at the Fairmont's new Venetian Room last week.

THIS LETTERMANITE KNOWS CONTRACT BRIDGE WELL ENOUGH TO TEACH IT!



Mrs. JEANETTE GARDINER
She wants a much-traveled parrot

Mrs. Jeannette Gardiner, who is known to some by her seldom-used first name of Alix, and to a great many more by her nickname of "Gardie," is also known at Letterman for her distinctive clothes and charming hairdo. She has been at LGH since 1942, and is correspondence clerk in the Registrar Sick and Wounded Office.

She is a native of Illinois, born in Monmouth, near Chicago. After she finished high school she had her plans all made to attend the University of Colorado, where she wanted to go to be near her sister, who was living in Colorado Springs. But before the plans could be carried out, romance entered the picture and she met and married a horticulturist who had just received his Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State College.

The Gardiners came to California, to the Napa Valley, where Mr. Gardiner taught school, and Mrs. Gardiner, not to be outdone, taught, too. She gave Contract Bridge lessons, and though she doesn't teach it now, she is, of course, an expert in the intricacies of the game and very much enjoys playing.

Since both "Gardie" and her husband enjoyed traveling, they used to spend the long vacation after the schools closed for the summer in taking long trips, selecting a dif-

ferent section of the United States each year.

Among the interesting places they visited were the famous Carlsbad Caverns, the New Orleans Mardi Gras, and Boulder Dam, and Mrs. Gardiner says their biggest thrill was seeing "Golden Prince" win the Kentucky Derby. On one vacation they traveled through 28 states, but "none quite compared with the Golden State of California."

Following the death of Mr. Gardiner at Letterman in 1941, Mrs. Gardiner spent a year in Colorado, then returned to San Francisco and came to Letterman to her present work. During the war she received a cash award for her suggestion on an improved method of handling clinical records in the Sick and Wounded Office.

Her leisure-time interests are bridge, books on travel, and the theatre. And though she won't talk about it, her friends speak enthusiastically about the amusing light verse she writes.

She hasn't lost her liking for travel, and says she has always had a secret desire to board a tramp steamer for a long, lazy trip, and somewhere along the way to pick up a parrot. She doesn't want to buy one in a pet shop, she wants one that's been around and has a colorful vocabulary.



To MMajor and Mrs. Wright A. Gates, a boy, Robert Lemont, weight 5 pounds and 6 ounces, born 19 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. J. Roy Kong, a girl, Priscilla Ann, weight 7 pounds; and 4 ounces, born 19 April.

To T//Sgt. and Mrs. Buford Robin, a boy, Randolph Lee, weight 9 pounds; and 3 ounces, born 22 April.

To T//Sgt. and Mrs. Jack V. Nice, a boy, Jack Vinson, Jr., born 23 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ernest C. Saltzman, a boy, Jeffery Bruce, born 24 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Lee Britton, a girl, Paamela, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 24 April.

HOMESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

Providence, R. I. (AFPS)—Edward A. Evon, 30, showed up in Superior Court to ask for four years in jail. He said he had cashed a couple of worthless checks; and then lost the money at the racetracks. Judge Joslin granted his request.

Baltimore, Md. (AFPS)—John Hopkinins University is interested in getting 1,500 dice—for scientific purposes. The dice are juggled by cranks and catalogued by color to illustrate the laws of probability and chance, a lesson the medical students are expected to learn.

Helena, Mont. (AFPS)—A 76-year-old former game warden, Frank K. Hirsh, says his shooting eye is sharp but his legs betray him. After shooting a big elk during the recent season, he says a younger and faster hunter beat him in a 50-yard dash to the carcass and put his tag on the animal.

Corbin, Ky. (AFPS)—Ed Cummins needed a little more traction on the rear wheels of his car because of the slick roads, so he began tying pieces of string around them. He reached for one rope and it wiggled. He had picked up a 32-inch blacksnake.

Tulsa, Okla. (AFPS)—Despite its name, you cannot get a shave in the "Big 9" barber shop. The shop is so narrow, the chairs cannot lean back. The barber just concentrates on cutting hair.

Anything For A Laugh

A battered wreck of a car pulled up to the toll gate of the bridge.

"Fifty cents," said the toll man, holding out his hand.

"Sold!" said the driver as he leaped out of the car.

A visitor was telling the hostess about her dog—a big, ugly mongrel.

"He's just like one of the family," she said.

And the hostess asked: "Which one?"

The way to get other people to agree with you is to keep your mouth shut!

WAC No. 1: "He's so romantic—when he addresses me he always calls me 'fair Lady.'"

WAC No. 2: "Force of habit, my dear . . . He used to be a street car conductor!"

Guide: "This castle has stood for 300 years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing repaired or replaced."

Tourist: "They must have the same kind of landlord we've got!"

Army Recruiting Officer: Young man, would you like to join the Army?

Young Man: I might—I have offers of a girl in every port from the Navy, what's your best offer?

Boy: I say, did I borrow five dollars from you last week?

Tom: No, you didn't.

Bob: How careless of me! Could you let me have it now?

Cop: Didn't you hear me yell for you to stop?

Lady Driver: No.

Cop: Didn't you hear me whistle?

Lady Driver: No, sir.

Cop: Didn't you see me signal?

Lady Driver: No, sir.

Cop: Well, I guess I'd better go home. I don't seem to be doing much good around here.

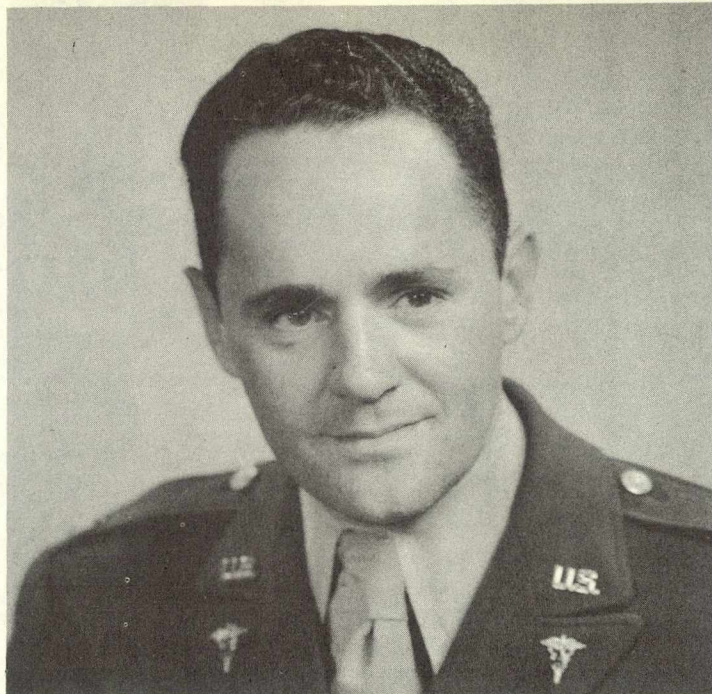
The Texas-born captain of an all-Texas company in North Africa told his men:

"Our job here is to promote good neighborliness, among other things. We've got to humor the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, agree with them!"

First Mess Sergeant: "I have my KPs trained so they eat out of my hand."

Second M. S.: "Saves a lot of dishwashing, doesn't it?"

HE ARRIVED HERE JUST IN TIME TO WELCOME HIS WIFE BACK FROM KOREA



Captain A. C. MASTROLIA, MAC
New Chief of Physical Reconditioning

Captain A. C. Mastrolia, MAC, who arrived at Letterman last week, is the new Chief of Physical Reconditioning, replacing Captain John E. Wiggins, who has just received his discharge. Captain Mastrolia says he is entering on his new duties with pleasure, and particularly welcomes the opportunity to work with the patients on sports activities because of his own keen interest in sports.

He specially enjoys badminton, handball and swimming, and is also interested in baseball, football, tennis, boxing, wrestling, and hockey.

He says the most important thing that has happened to him since he has been in the Army is the fact that he met and married the former Lt. Ann Daloisio, ANC, who early in the war spent 18 months on duty at Letterman. They met in Korea and were married there in the city of Shin Kon-Dok, in the province of Kyongi-Gi, before Captain Mastrolia's return to the United States in February. Mrs. Mastrolia did not return with the captain because she was still on duty, but she arrived here at Letterman as a patient just a few days ago, and is now in process of separation from the service.

"I probably know the Receiving Office better than any place in the hospital so far," says the captain, "because I went in there so often to find out if my wife had arrived." He is very proud of her Army record, which includes service in both the European and Pacific theatres.

Captain Mastrolia is a native of New York City, and was graduated from Fordham University in 1937. He was with the Cushman Bakery chain in New York before entering the Army in 1941. As an enlisted man he was assigned to duty at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Claiborne, La., then after attending OCS at Camp Barkley, Texas, he received his commission in September 1942, and was assigned to the 29th General Hospital.

He was with the 29th for four and a half years, and during that time was overseas three times. He served in New Caledonia, on Okinawa, and after the war ended was sent to Korea with the first occupation troops. There he was detachment CO for the hospital.

Captain Mastrolia enjoys the theatre, the symphony and reading. He belongs to several book clubs and reads a large number of magazines, the Atlantic and Harpers being among his favorites.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"Absence of occupation is not rest . . . A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed," so wrote Cowper in RETIREMENT.

The best time of all to keep your mind occupied is when you least feel like doing it—and the best thing to occupy your mind with is that which interests you. Time passes so fast that before you know it you haven't done the things you had planned on doing. If you have always wanted to go into business for yourself but haven't had the opportunity to do so before, you now have it—Never before has so much been offered to servicemen and women—don't let the opportunity slip through your fingers. Start your future campaign now—stop in the Education Office for information on educational opportunities and vocational advantages.

So many opportunities are open to both patients and duty personnel right here at Letterman that it would be too bad not to take advantage of them. Special Services takes patients and duty personnel to most of the top-notch types of entertainment; O. T. has instructors in all kinds of crafts; the gym is open every day with equipment for all sports . . . just about any form of entertainment may be had just for the asking.

The Educational Office offers on-the-post courses in Typing, English, Math (Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, Trigonometry) French, Spanish, History, Art, etc. A new class is opening at the Mission Adult High School in "Principles of Buying and Merchandising." The course is planned specifically for people actually in the merchandising field or preparing to enter it . . . eight sessions . . . Scope of Merchandising, (2) Mathematics of Buying, (3) Stock Control, (4) Marketing—Where to Buy, (5) the Consumer, (6) Sales Data, (7) Forecasting Demands and (8) Merchandise Records.

A morning course is being initiated at the Fairmont School in "Clothing" . . . class will study sewing under the direction of Mrs. Henrietta Widmer, well-known dress designer of the outer Mission district, and in addition will have opportunities to design garments and receive guidance in the planning of wardrobes. Classes meet Thursday and Friday from 10 a. m. to 12.

MORE ABOUT LIBRARY

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air" who has an amazing amount of book "larnin' " in her attractive head and has been here since August, 1945. Just try asking her a reference question she can't answer, or describing a character in a book she can't identify. She presides at the circulation desk, and takes a shift at ward service also. She lives in Mill Valley surrounded by flowers, trees, and Mount Tamalpais! Her hobby is art and at present she is studying lithography at the California School of Fine Arts.

Mildred Bryan, clerk-typist, is an old-timer at Letterman, who "remembers when" on most people and events. She does all the library "paper work" of endless records and typing. The library couldn't get along without her. Captain George H. Bryan, her husband, was a long-time patient of Letterman, and has been called the "morale builder" for the amputees whom he helped.

The Library is often asked where it procures recreational books. Well, most of them are purchased after the librarian peruses advance notices in the standard book sellers' publications. Orders placed a month or so in advance assures prompt delivery upon publication and that is why you can so often read a review of a book in the morning paper and find the book in the library the same day. The staff is always pleasantly amazed at the number of book review hounds in the hospital and are kept on their professional toes to keep one step ahead. However, if a slip up is made on ordering a good book, be sure to let them know about it.

Of course, gift books are constantly received from friends of the hospital and the librarians especially dote on those books which are new and popular, but they are also glad to receive a classic which is out of print and not on the shelves.

Another source of books is the Sixth Army Library Depot on the Presidio. The only army recreational book depot in the country, it concerns itself with shipping complete libraries to American service personnel all over the world as well as supplying United States Army libraries. Whenever Letterman library needs a new book replacement, or wishes to procure additional requested titles, the Depot is phoned or written and the books are promptly delivered.



EYE-CATCHING

Ellen Drew, glamorous Hollywood star, currently playing in Columbia's "Johnny o'Clock," the thrilling story of a gambler's love in which Dick Powell plays the title role and Evelyn Keyes co-stars.

The medical section of the library is soon to be enlarged by the addition of several hundred books recommended by the American Medical Association to fill the residency library requirement. These plus the present subscriptions to approximately 100 journals and the standardized books from Office of the Surgeon General make the library into an adequate working collection of current medical materials.

The library operates generally under the Convalescent Services Division, and specifically as a part of Special Services. The recreational and educational value of reading was long ago recognized by Army leaders and an extensive library service was set up in Washington at the beginning of the war to supply all army personnel with books wherever they were stationed. As the hospitals began to fill with the sick and wounded, the hospital libraries functioned heavily, as the therapeutic value of reading was an established fact.

Letterman library has always aimed at the best of service to the largest number of people and is thoroughly aware of the part a book can play in aiding an ailing body in recovery.

To the newcomers at Letterman the library extends a most cordial

WD Seeks 1800 More Nurses for Regulars

Washington (AFPS)—The War Department is seeking 1,800 additional Army nurses to fill vacancies opened with recent passage of a bill granting permanent commissioned status to members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

Qualified nurses between the ages of 21 and 35 who served as Reserve or AUS officers during World War II will be eligible for appointment to these vacancies, the War Department has announced.

Application blanks for the Army Nurse and Women's Medical Specialist Corps (physical therapists, occupational therapists, dietitians) are available at Army headquarters, general hospitals, and upon request from the Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C.

An hour's industry will do more to produce cheerfulness, suppress evil humors and retrieve your affairs than a month's moaning. — Benjamin Franklin.

welcome. Go in with the old-timers and help the librarians blow out the fictitious candles on their imaginary birthday cake. And don't forget to sign out for a book or two as you leave!

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Marriage failures, job difficulties, high prices and inexperience in business are the chief reasons why a small but growing number of Northern California veterans are defaulting on their GI loans, according to VAA loan officials in San Francisco.

Only 1277 veterans, around four-tenths of one per cent of those who have obtained GI loans in the Northern California area since the GI Bill became effective nearly two years ago, were listed as "default cases" in VA files at the end of February. However, by April 11 the number had jumped to 198, the sharpest increase thus far.

VA investigators who try to save veterans from final defaults on their loans say that marital difficulties, many of them arising from hasty war-time marriages, are responsible for some of the failures to maintain GI home loans. When a family is broken up there is usually no further need for the home the veteran is buying.

Loss of the home-buyer's income through unemployment also contributes to home loan defaults, VA says, but some of these situations are saved by delaying foreclosure until the veteran has found another job.

Lack of experience and zooming market prices have proved the veteran's chief handicaps in business. Some veterans begin business ventures on GI loans without enough experience in the business field they enter or without adequate knowledge of market conditions and fundamental business procedures.

"Experience above all, and a lot of hard thinking and planning are usually required if a new business is to succeed," VA tells veterans who seek advice on GI business loans.

Question: Does my right to obtain a GI loan continue indefinitely?

Answer: No, but you have until ten years after the official termination of World War II.

Question: "I need repairs on my artificial leg that will cost more than the \$35 allowed on my prosthetic service card. Will VA pay the extra expense?"

Answer: You should ask VA to approve the repairs. If the repairs are approved, VAA will pay the full bill even if it is more than \$35.



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ANC and Specialist Corps Integration To Begin in June

Preliminary work on the integration of qualified personnel into the Regular Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps will begin in June, according to an announcement from the Office of The Surgeon General. Public Law No. 36, dated 16 April 1947, establishes both corps in the Regular Army.

The Women's Medical Specialist Corps will be composed of a Dietitian Section, a Physical Therapist Section and an Occupational Therapist Section. Applications for integration into both the ANC and the Specialist Corps should be sent to The Adjutant General, Attention AGSO-R, Washington 25, D. C., and the application forms will be available at Letterman in the near future. Permanent members of the present ANC are required to submit application blanks, but will not be given integration tests.

Letterman is one of the nine Army hospitals in the United States where screening centers will be established in June for the initial processing of applicants. Similar centers will also be established in overseas theaters.

In each screening center, officer interview boards appointed by the commanding officer will review applications by personal interviews, obtain biographical information, give necessary technical tests, and see that physical examination of applicants is completed. The information thus obtained will be sent to The Adjutant General. The Office of The Surgeon General will determine the final qualifications of each applicant for appointment in the Regular Army.

The following Letterman officers have been recommended to serve on

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Miss H. ELIZABETH MESSICK
Chief, Occupational Therapy Branch of Physical Medicine Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, who was at Letterman last week to discuss the O. T. integration program.

O. T. Chief Here from Washington

Miss H. Elizabeth Messick of the Office of The Surgeon General was at Letterman last week to discuss orientation and integration procedures for the Occupational Therapists which the change of status from civilian to military will involve. Miss Messick is Chief of Occupational Therapy Branch of the Physical Medicine Consultants Division, and her trip will take her to all West Coast Army hospitals.

The Occupational Therapists are

the only group affected by the law making the Women's Medical Specialist Corps a part of the Regular Army who have not previously held commissioned rank.

While in San Francisco, Miss Messick explained the Regular Army integration program not only to those now employed by the Army, but also to civilians now outside the Army who are qualified by training and experience to enter the Regular Army.

Fifth Anniversary Of Womens' Army Corps Next Week

Letterman's WAC detachment will quietly celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Women's Army Corps on next Wednesday, 14 May, with 'business as usual.' At present there are 56 WACs at Letterman, nine officers and 47 enlisted personnel, and they are assigned to duty in almost every section of the hospital.

Captain Marion B. Chapin is CO of the detachment, which at present is composed of the following personnel: M/Sgt Opal G. Glenn, 1st Sgts. Lois V. Henry and Eileen V. Venter; T/Sgt Stella E. Watras, S/Sgts. Nancy W. Banvard, Dorothy G. Bennett, Margaret A. Brady, Violet C. Collings, Bobbie Gaulding, Elizabeth M. Hess, Viola M. Hocking, Catherine Mack, Ethel M. Lee, Josephine S. Porter, Silvia Winer.

T/3s Edith J. Altenburg, Marjorie Burns, Lola Mae Harvey, Frances W. Jenkins, Agda Johnson, Anna M. Lane, Virginia L. Hill, Billie L. Maples, Jessie M. Pekarski, Dorcas Rosenfeld, Rena C. Regas, Leonarda F. Witkowski.

T/4s Aletha L. Birchfield, Frances L. Black, Sarah Burnett, Helen V. Cline, Emma H. Ghormley, Elsie M. Lepitre, Ruth Lutz, Patricia Nacey, Marjorie L. May, Christine E. McConnell, Rose M. Ruscak, Henrietta Zuzga.

T/5s Anna Christensen, Ella K. Craig, Carolyn Fix, Helen Hicks, Kathleen Kelly, Carolyn W. Powers, Martha Shortel, and Pfc. Juetta L. Plumley.

The other officers now assigned to Letterman are Captains Virginia Breed, Alice Dahnke, Frances V. Peterson, Margaret Lassiter, Minnie Lee Young, and Lieutenants Fran-

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WAC Will Observe Fifth Anniversary on 14 May

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ces E. Harllee, Mary C. Cass and Frances M. Pleasants.

The first WAC detachment reported for duty here in March 1945, and members of the Women's Army Corps have served at the hospital continuously since that time.

On 14 May five years ago Congress approved Public Law 554, creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The bill was introduced by Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers. Her interest in the legislation was the direct result of her own experience in World War I, when she served with the Army overseas.

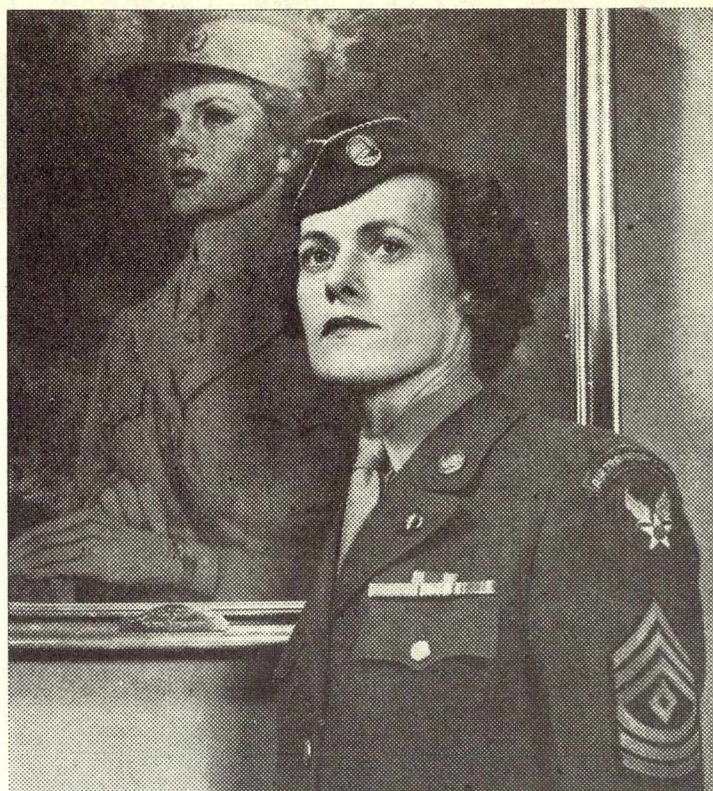
In January 1943, the first contingent of enlisted women arrived in Africa to serve with the Allied Force Headquarters under General Dwight D. Eisenhower. After six months' work in the very active theater of operations, the General said of these WACs: "The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps has proved that women can render definite contributions to the winning of the war, and their capabilities in this regard extend to an actual theater of operations."

On 1 July 1943, Public Law 110 was signed by the President and the WAAC became the WAC. The Law made the WAC a component IN the Army rather than WITH the Army, as the previous organization had functioned.

WACs served in 400 installations in the States and in every overseas theater. The peak strength of 100,000 was reached on V-E Day, although a total of 140,001 had worn the uniform of the WAC. Approximately 18 per cent of the WAC personnel served overseas.

At present 9,500 are still serving. Of this number, 2,916 have reentered the service under the provisions that allow honorably discharged WACs with needed skills to reenter the service. Approximately 2,000 are serving with the occupation forces in Germany and Austria while 150 are in Italy. Nearly 600 are in Japan with the Eighth Army and General MacArthur's Headquarters in Yokohama and Tokyo, respectively. In Panama, approximately 300 are serving. Five WAC officers are in Korea.

Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby of Texas served as the first Director of the Corps. After serving throughout the important organizational



Armed Forces Press Service

First Sergeant Eleanor Dee poses before painting called the "Wac of '42." She is on active duty with the Air Transport Command, Fort Meyer, Va. Sgt. Dee is typical of her sister soldiers who are celebrating their fifth anniversary as members of the U. S. Armed Forces. A bill creating a permanent Wac Corps in the Regular Army has been introduced to the 80th Congress.

days Mrs. Hobby resigned and was succeeded by Colonel Westray Battle Boyce of North Carolina. Colonel Boyce served through the chaotic period of demobilization and formulated policies for the utilization of the skills and training of women in the interim Army and aided in the implementation of the legislation providing for women in the Regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps.

When Colonel Boyce retired because of physical disability, Lieutenant Colonel Mary A. Hallaren of Lowell, Massachusetts, became Acting Director.

April 16, 1947, is a memorable date in the history of the Women's Army Corps, for on that day a bill was presented to Congress asking for the establishment of the WAC as an integral component of the Regular Army. The legislation also asks

that women be appointed as officers in the Organized Reserve or enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps. The Act provides for a maximum of 21,400 members.

A War Department circular outlining the plan of permanent organization of the WACs points out that this nucleus would provide for speedy and economical expansion in the event of a national need. Attention also is called to the elimination of loss of time and money otherwise probable if the project of organization was required to start all over "from scratch."

Under provisions of the Act, personnel will be selected from current and former members of the WAC and from women who have served in other American women's military services. Original enlistments will be accepted from ages 18 to 35, with parental consent re-

quired for all under 21. Enlistments will be for the same periods provided for men. All present or former WAC officers who have not reached their 48th birthday are eligible for appointment in the RA.

Commenting on the tentative expansion to maximum strength, Lt Col. Mary Hallaran, the acting director, said the new plan is to test women fully in every possible type of Army job. This program, she emphasized, would enable women to function effectively on a "one-to-one or better" basis in replacing men in an emergency.

The WAC at present is on a duration-plus-six-months basis—that is, it will, unless the Integration Act is passed, go out of existence six months after Congress declares the war has ended. Proponents of the Act to make the WAC permanent contend it would simplify the problem of keeping the organization up to the desired strength. Col. Hallaran said:

"Now is the time to get the best, while we are at peace. We shall (provided the Integration Act is enacted) set a very high standard, a competitive standard. We shall stress the possibilities for training and advancement."

In presenting the bill, the War Department cited that inclusion of women in the Regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps is recommended on four important personnel factors:

(1) To maintain a nucleus of women in the RA and ORC that will be capable of immediate expansion to meet the country's needs in case of a national emergency.

(2) To provide a small organization of women in the RA for the application and development of future plans relative to the use of American womanpower in the national security program.

((3) To secure the most economical use of all personnel by the utilization of women in positions where their special aptitudes best fill Army requirements.

(4) To assist in filling the Army's personnel requirements by means of voluntary enlistments.

"I think I saw your sister at the beach yesterday."

"What color bathing suit was she wearing?"

"I couldn't tell she had her back turned."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



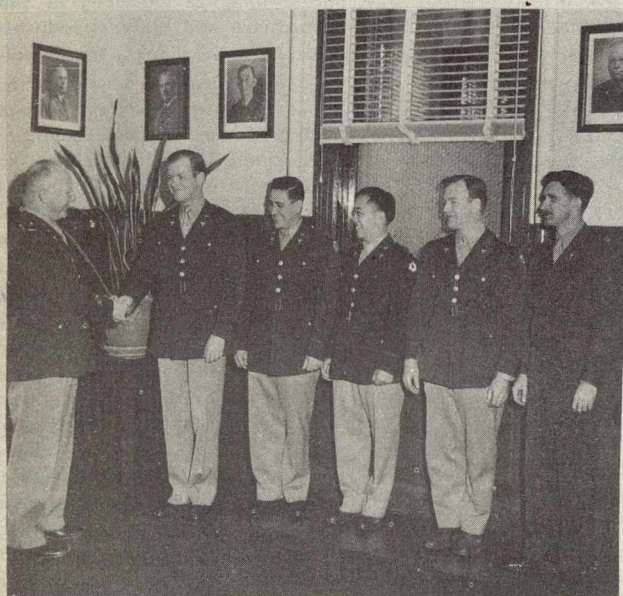
CONGRATULATIONS OF PROMOTIONS

Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, congratulates six officers who have just received promotions to the rank of captain. L to R: Col. Winn, Captains Frank H. Long, Jr., MC, Richard E. Kobilak, MC, James W. Holloway, MC, Charles G. Malley, MC, Richard J. Hopkins, MC, Karl Edward Carlson, MC, and Maj. Earle Paxson, Adjutant.



ANC PROMOTIONS

Three members of the Army Nurse Corps receive their silver bars. L to R: Col. Winn, First Lieuts. Otelia A. Hovland, Anne B. Zunnick, Elizabeth J. Muir.



STILL MORE PROMOTIONS

This smiling quintet just exchanged single silver bars for double ones. L to R: Captains Clifford McIntyre, MC, Rex J. Bunker, MC, George D. Fung, MC, John C. Todd, MC, Elisha B. Spiller, MC.



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Gets a lot of laughs from the patients

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

Tomorrow is Mother's Day. Tomorrow we especially honor the woman to whom we owe our being. Cheap and shoddy sentiment have no place in the honor we bestow upon her. A little, frilly card with a silly, little verse hardly expresses what we feel on this Her Day.

In other men's eyes she may be no devastating beauty: in other men's eyes she may be no queen. But we her sons and daughters see the beauty of her smile, we have witnessed her queenly sature in the home she made for us.

Let's briefly look back on her life as we have seen it. We have seen her work night and day to have things nice for us. Our every little whim seemed somehow to be known to her. No one could tell her that we were bad. That pained look that came into her eyes when we misbehaved was worse than any whipping dad ever gave us.

Even after we grew to manhood and womanhood, when things seemed dark and all the world seemed to be turned against us, we knew one person that would have given her life to see us smile again. Sorrow, pain and all the trials of life have been hers. Much of that sorrow and much of that pain we have caused her, but still she smiles. Truly, she is a queen — our Queen, our Mother.

On her day then, wherever



In a wedding ceremony last Saturday in the chapel on Treasure Island, 1st Lieut. Joan McManus, ANC, became the bride of Lieut. (jg) William Henderson, USN. Chaplain (Lieut. Commander) Charles Lawler performed the ceremony and Captain T. J. McCloskey, a Letterman patient, gave the bride away. Lieut. Nina Newman, ANC, was maid of honor and Ensign William Simpson, USN, an Annapolis classmate of the groom, acted as best man. The bride wore a white suit with white accessories and a corsage of orchids. On the first of June, Lieut. and Mrs. Henderson will leave on their wedding trip, and plan to drive to Arizona and then to the East Coast. Last week the Letterman nurses gave a bridal shower for Mrs. Henderson at which she received many lovely gifts.

Lieutenants Kay Mourik, Mary O'Donnell, Mary White, and Josephine Vsetula went to Carmel Saturday and enjoyed a gay weekend there. What made the trip extra-special was the glittering new Olds they drove.

Lieut. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy is in Salt Lake City on a 10-day leave.

Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson was welcomed as a member of the dietitians staff this week. She received her training at Lawson General Hospital and Brooke Army Medical Center, and Letterman is her first duty station. Her home is in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lieut. Dottie Henderson, ANC, and Lieut. Carolyn Zeller, ANC, both separated from the service this week and are now in civilian status.

Lieut. Jane Peers became Mrs. Paul Blume on Monday, 6 May, and Mr. and Mrs. Blume are now on their honeymoon.

she may be, let her hear a little word of love. A simple "I love you, Mother," means more to her than all the world's finest poetry if that "I love you" comes from your heart.

WAC

On Monday, 5 May, S/Sgt. Margaret Brady became the bride of M/Sgt. Clarence W. Dresher in the Chapel of Our Lady. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Major) Francis D. Bridenstine, and Lt. J. W. Weeden gave the bride away. First Sgt. Roswell Glenn was best man, and his wife, M/Sgt. Opal Glenn, was matron of honor. The bride wore a turquoise wedding dress and bridal hat and accessories of pale beige, and carried a prayer book and white orchids. A wedding dinner at Veneto's followed the ceremony, after which M/Sgt. and Mrs. Dresher left for a honeymoon at Lake Tahoe. When they return, it will be to an apartment just outside the post, the lucky people.

Last week, while she was still Sgt. Brady, a surprise bridal shower was given for Mrs. Dresher by the girls of the WAC detachment, and among the many gifts were an electric toaster, electric cheese grill, electric iron, percolator set, and muffin tins (wonder if she'll bake hardtack for her man?).

Captain Marion Chapin, WAC CO, Captain Margaret Lassiter and that friendly cocker, Patty, have all returned from a leave which took them to Chicago for a couple of weeks and then back to California for a trip to Yosemite.

Favorably impressed with our informal way of living were a group of teen-age Camp Fire girls who were toured through the WAC quarters recently by M/Sgt. Opal Glenn.

Kay Coffin, now on civilian status, says it's open house for all her friends at her new address, 1532 Green Street. Kay didn't specify whether or not she wanted advance notice before the callers arrive.

It's good to see T/5 Martha Shortel back with the company. She reenlisted after several months as a civilian (she left Letterman last August), so the military atmosphere is not new to her.

Leaving soon for a long-awaited furlough are Emma Ghormley, going to Champaign, Illinois; Elizabeth Hess, destination, Denver; and Lois Henry, bound for New York. Hess and Henry hope to hop a ride on an Army transport plane.

Newest additions to Chris McConnell's fast-growing collection of classical and semi-classical records are "Melody of Love" and "None

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 11 May, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass: daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Archivist Examination

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for probational appointment to the position of Archivist, grades P-2 to P-6, with salaries ranging from \$3397 to \$7102 a year. Closing date for applications is 20 May 1947.

No written test is required. Applicants' qualifications will be rated on a scale of 100, and will be judged from a review of their experience and training as described in their applications and on any additional evidence secured by the Commission.

The positions will be in the National Archives, the Navy Department and the War Department, in Washington, D. C. and vicinity, and field positions in the Archives at Hyde Park, N. Y., and in Navy establishments throughout the United States.

The work involves examining and appraising records to determine which have sufficient legal, research or administrative value to warrant preservation by the Federal government; making written reports and recommendations based on analyses and appraisals of records' value; maintaining an efficient reference service; planning or supervising documentary publication programs; conducting research in archival history, administration and techniques.

Further information and application blanks may be obtained in the Letterman Civilian Personnel office, room 201, Administration building.

But the Lonely Heart." Chris now has 700 records, and is still going strong.

WAC OF THE WEEK



NANCY BANVARD
Staff Sergeant

This is the story of an English girl who met the "Man on the Flying Trapeze" when she was 16, and while she was still 16 became his wife and was henceforth known as "The Girl on the Flying Trapeze." She is now Staff Sergeant Nancy Banvard of the Letterman WAC detachment.

Nancy was born in Sherwood, Nottingham, England. She came to the United States with her husband shortly after her marriage, and in the course of pursuing her career in show business has crossed the Atlantic seven times, and lived in many countries, but "I liked none of them as well as I like this country," she says. Her travels abroad took her to England, France, Germany, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Hungary, Bulgaria, North Africa, South Africa, and Australia. But she still has the taste for travel in her blood, and would like to go to China and Japan to see more of the world.

In 1944 she joined the WAC, and went right on traveling, spending two years overseas, on duty in England, France and Germany. She found her knowledge of French and German very useful in her Army assignments.

She left Berlin in October 1946 and on her return to the United States was assigned to Letterman. She is one of the cadre members, and is on duty in the orderly room. She likes her work and says she is very happy here. She has signed up to remain in the WAC until next June.

In her leisure time, Nancy plays the piano, and knits and crochets. She likes to make things, and turns out hats, pocketbooks, picture frames and ornamental boxes.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Armed Forces Press Service

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, has flashed the green light to permit enlisted men to participate in the War Department's suggestion program.

Recalling that the Department's civilian employees saved the U.S. millions of dollars since the suggestion program started in 1943, the Chief of Staff sanctioned establishment of "such a program for military personnel."

Enlisted men, however, are not eligible for the cash awards that civilian employees receive. According to Gen. Eisenhower, extension of the suggestion program to military commands simply "enhances morale and provides the individual enlisted man or officer a channel for transmitting ideas to others in a position to make effective use of them."

The House Armed Services Committee, attempting to revise the Army Courts-Martial system in accordance with the American Bar Association's recommendations, heard representatives of the War Veterans Bar Association go on record to prevent enlisted men from serving on courts-martials.

The VFW, however, is sticking by its proposal making it mandatory to include enlisted personnel in the membership of general and special courts. A VFW spokesman also told the House Committee that the keystone of the proposed judicial reforms would be removed if commanding officers continued in control of courts.

The American Bar Association recommended that the office of Judge Advocate General be set up entirely independent of commanding officers.

No action yet has been taken on proposals to permit immediate cashing of terminal leave bonds. Congressmen are conducting investigations to determine "just how much it would cost" if such a law were enacted.

The Solicitor's Office, Labor Department, reported that persons enlisting in the armed forces after the expiration date of selective services do have their re-employment rights guaranteed under permanent legislation enacted by Congress.

The Enlisted Career System designed to substitute continuous service for the present enlistment system will fill first three grade vacancies by competition on an Army-wide basis.

Fine points of the revolutionary plan now are being smoothed over by the War Department. Operation of the plan may start the first of next year.

The Senate Armed Services Committee heard Under Secretary of War Kenneth Royall list five methods of saving money if Pres. Truman's Army-Navy merger bill is passed by the 80th Congress.

He said the bill would eliminate duplicate roles and missions, eliminate duplicate services in carrying out these functions, eliminate duplicate procurement in connection with the functions and services, eliminate duplicate installations, and improve and make reasonably uniform the procedures of the two service departments.

Regulations governing the wearing of distinctive unit insignia again are revised! An amendment to Army Regulation 600-40 states that all personnel in units for which distinctive insignia is authorized will wear same centered on the shoulder loops of the service coat or Eisenhower jacket.

Enlisted personnel also will wear the same insignia on the garrison cap to the left of the front center.

Revision came after Army-wide protest at War Department order scrapping distinctive insignia other than basic Army or Corps or major branch insignia.

Boards to review discharges have been established under the GI Bill of Rights. These boards have been authorized to review and change any discharge except that ordered by a general courts-martial sentence up to 15 years after a discharge or 15 years after June 22, 1944, whichever is later.

Wife, next-of-kin or legal representative of deceased veterans are eligible to apply for such review.

Review boards also have the power to change sentences of general courts-martial, thereby resulting in a change of a dishonorable discharge to one of a higher character.

"I think if we work judiciously we can cut \$1,000,000,000 off the Army requests and \$500,000,000 off the Navy without impairing their efficiency."—Sen. Bridges.

The Battle of the Budget goes on, despite fact that the armed services must be kept at full strength to back up the Greek-Turkish and other possible foreign aid problems.

Chan Gurney, services champion in the Senate, declared he would oppose any sizeable reduction in the armed services budget while world conditions remain so unsettled as to require this country to go to the aid of foreign governments.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ROY K. MUTO
Sergeant

Although Roy Muto of Out-Patient Service isn't planning a medical career, he attends to his duties with so much interest that his co-workers are not only willing, but anxious, to praise him. "I never dreamed I'd learn so many things as I've learned here," says Roy, "and they're all interesting."

Roy was born in Los Angeles, and was graduated from Torrance High School. He worked for a time in an aircraft plant, then began his studies in architectural engineering at UCLA in the Fall of 1945. The studies were interrupted by his entry into the Army in November 1945, "just as I was getting started," he says.

After induction at Fort MacArthur he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for basic training. Following this, he was scheduled to go overseas, but his orders were changed, and he came to Letterman a little over a year ago, in March 1946.

He expects to receive his discharge next month, and may continue his college work in summer session at UCLA. Of course, there might be such a thing as just taking a rest for the summer, and waiting until Fall to enroll, but Roy is anxious to get back on the way to being an architectural engineer, so he'll probably get started again as soon as possible.

Roy's favorite sport is basketball, and he played on his high school team, but he is also interested in most other sports. He expects to resume his hobby of collecting records when he goes back to civilian life, and wherever he is he makes another kind of record—a photographic one—because photography is also one of his hobbies.

"My mother says I'm a wit."
"Well, she's half right."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Isabel Cannon of Military Personnel has spring fever in a big way—besides cleaning her home from top to bottom, she has enhanced its charm with new Venetian blinds, new curtains and drapes.

Marjorie Hecht of the Information Office is back from a week spent visiting her sister in Carmel, and says the vacation was wonderful. Before she left she attended a tea at the Notre Dame convent at Belmont.

Ask Warren Conlin of Civilian Personnel how he enjoyed the films in the Cinema Art series at the San Francisco Museum of Art. He probably won't have to use any of the synonyms for glamorous to describe the feminine lead in the last one he saw. But the series certainly provided a good contrast to his recent plastering activities at home. Right?

Isabel Hopp of Surgical Service and her husband are the happy possessors of a brand new Buick.

Verne Shores of Civilian Personnel went to the Valley last week to see her mother, who is in California on a visit. Verne is rejoicing these days because she is getting an apartment, and it's within walking distance of Letterman, too!

Naomi Miller, assistant manager of the main PX at Letterman, was appointed manager of the Presidio PX this week, and took over her new duties immediately.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel has a new heart interest, but that's all she'll disclose.

Helen Oliver of the PX has resigned and plans to go to Missouri on a vacation trip.

Henry Cleary's sister came from Vallejo to spend last weekend with him, and it is reported that they had a fine time wining and dining in various San Francisco restaurants.

All the workmen in the long line of men digging the new subway pushed their wheelbarrows filled with dirt as they wheeled them away. All except one. He alone pulled his.

"Why," asked the sidewalk superintendent of the gang foreman, "does that man pull and not push his barrow? Is he a Communist or something?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "It's just that he hates the sight of the darned thing."

OF NANCY JONES, "YANKEE MURPHY" AND THE HAZARDS OF BICYCLING



Miss NANCY JONES
Red Cross Recreation Worker

With that nice sense of humor and vivacious personality. Nancy Jones of the Red Cross is well-equipped for her job of recreation worker, and her popularity with the patient proves how well she does that job.

"I just like GIs, says Nancy, and the patients on the Orthopedic and Amputee wards, to which she is assigned, return the compliment. She is also the sponsor for the Bicycle club. "I provide the comic incidents," she says, "the bicycle and I don't always see eye to eye about where we're going."

Nancy is a native Californian, born in Nevada City. Her sister, Helen Jones, is ward librarian here at Letterman. Nancy is a Stanford graduate, and formerly taught English, public speaking and dramatics.

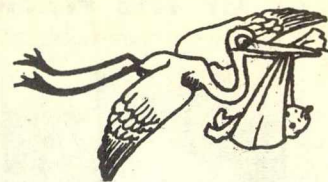
In 1942, while she was in the East, she joined the Red Cross as a recreation worker, and practically immediately began to accumulate material for the service ribbon she wears, which shows seven stripes, for three and a half years overseas duty.

Three weeks after she exchanged teaching for recreation work, she was in Northern Ireland. She lived with an Irish family in Londonderry, near Belfast, for nine months, then went to England to work in hospitals in the Midlands. Shortly after D-Day, in June 1944, she went to Normandy, and was with evacuation hospital there and in Belgium, Holland and Germany, with the 1st and 9th Armies.

In February 1945 she came home for a brief 30 days, then returned to Germany for another six months. She came back to the States in November 1945, and the following month was sent to Letterman.

While she was in Belgium, Nancy acquired a dog, named him "Yankee Murphy," and found him a valuable assistant. "He was a better recreation worker than I was," she says. He went on the wards with her, and it wasn't until he got the habit of jumping from bed to bed that he had to be retired from service.

Nancy likes skiing, camping, hiking, and of course, bicycling.



To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Wiesenburger, a girl, **Margie Jean**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 1 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Stylsinger, a boy, **Joseph Albert**, weight 4 pounds and 5 ounces, born 1 May.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Elmer Walker, a boy, **Charles Wing**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 2 May.

To Major and Mrs. W. E. Nichols, a boy, **Woodrow Edgar**, weight 5 pounds and 12 ounces, born 2 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Julius Ferrell, a girl, **Linda Mae**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 4 May.

To WO and Mrs. Charles D. Gill, a girl, **Susan Margaret**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 4 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert Clarke, a girl, **Patricia Alice**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 5 May.

Overseas Parcels Need No Request

Washington (AFPS) — Parcels may be sent overseas without written request from the addressee after May 1, Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, Army Adjutant General, has disclosed.

Domestic parcel post restrictions will apply for all parcels sent to overseas Army post offices. These include: size, 100 inches in length and distance around parcel; weight, 70 pounds.

Shipment of inflammables, explosives, firearms and poisons is prohibited.

Tennis Tournament

On 12 May the Letterman annual tennis tournament will begin play to determine the best singles and doubles pair in the organization. This tournament is open to patient, officers and enlisted personnel. Approximately 35 have already signed up to play. Trophies will be given to the winners and the runners-up in the singles and doubles matches.

Equipment and balls are available in the equipment room, Physical Reconditioning Department, at the gym. Bleachers for spectators will be provided for all courts.

Completing the Cycle — Happy, draftee, rookie, trainee, cadre, overseas, unhappy, returnee, cadre, dischargee—whoopie!

Anything For A Laugh

The tired looking man sat facing the solicitor. "So you want a divorce from your wife," said the latter. "Aren't your relations pleasant?"

"Mine are," came the answer, "but hers are simply terrible."

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"My first turkey!" exclaimed the bride proudly as they sat down at the table.

"It looks swell, darling," said the groom. "What did you stuff it with?"

"Stuff it with? Why honey, this one wasn't hollow."

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If you lend a friend five dollars and never seen him again, it's worth it.

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Wife: "Darling, just 25 years ago, today, we became engaged."

Absent-minded Professor: "My, my, why didn't you remind me of that before? It's high time we got married."

MORE ABOUT ANC

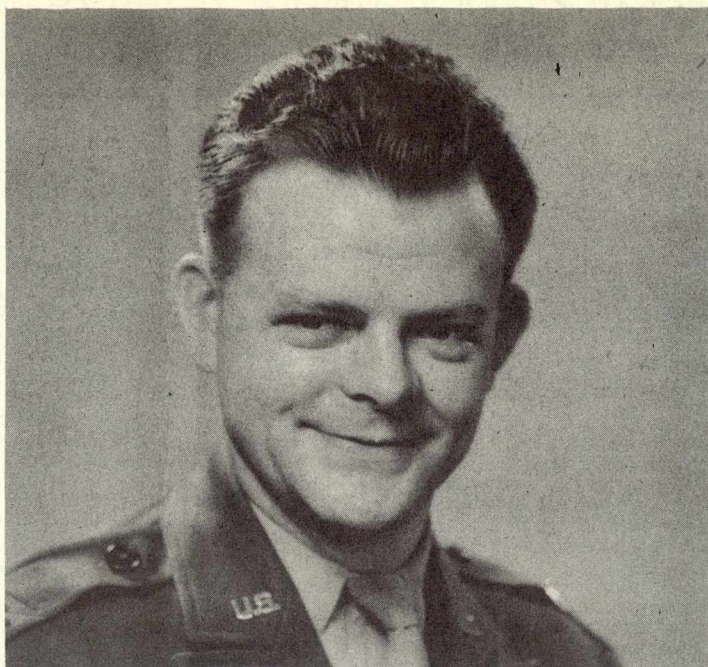
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the screening and interview boards: Screening Personnel—Major Jack D. Burnett, MAC; Captain Minnie L. Young, WAC; Captain E. Johnson, ANC. Interview Board—Colonel Leonard Swanson, MC; Lt. Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC; Major Manley G. Morrison, PC; Major Frances Henchey, ANC; Major Anne Benton, ANC.

Requirements for integration in the Army Nurse Corps: "The applicant must be between 21 and 35 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a graduate registered nurse who has served satisfactorily in the Army Nurse Corps as a Reserve or AUS officer during World War II who is physically qualified for full military duty and who passes prescribed integration tests."

Requirements for the Women's Medical Specialist Corps: "An applicant must have passed the age of 21, be a female citizen of the United States, have served honorably on active duty at any time since 7 December 1941 as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United States, either as a dietitian, a physical therapist, or as an occupational therapist in a civilian status. She must be unmarried and have no dependents under 14 years of age."

HE LIKES SKIING SO WELL HE SPENT 28 DAYS OF A 30-DAY LEAVE ON SKIS



Captain KENNETH H. LILLIE, Inf.
Assistant Chief, Personal Affairs

Captain Kenneth H. Lillie, assistant chief, Personal Affairs, wants to make the Army his career, and already has nearly seven years of Army service to his credit. He came in in September 1940, having first been in a National Guard outfit, and was assigned to D battery of the 218th Field Artillery, 41st Infantry Division.

"I've held every rank from buck private to captain, with the exception of master sergeant," says Captain Lillie. He first trained recruits at Fort Lewis as drill sergeant of the training cadre, and just before war began was aboard a ship headed for the Philippines. "We were about halfway there when the Pearl Harbor attack occurred," he says "and we were ordered to return, since we were not in a convoy."

After a short time spent with a unit guarding the Embarcadero, he returned to Fort Lewis to rejoin the 41st Division. Later he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, with the 641st Tank Destroyer Battalion, and left for overseas duty in March, 1942.

"We finally wound up in Australia, after a six week voyage, and after a tour of duty near Melbourne, I was sent to New Guinea and remained there for over two years."

In March 1945 Captain Lillie returned home on rotation, and attended the school of Personnel Services at Lexington, Virginia. He was then assigned as Army Ground Force liaison officer at Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Camp Lockett, California. After Mitchell closed in April 1946, he was at Oakland Regional Hospital for a short time as assistant AGF liaison officer, then came to Letterman in June of last year.

When the functions of the liaison and personal affairs offices were combined, Captain Lillie became assistant chief.

Captain Lillie and his wife Marguerite have recently moved on the post. His favorite off-duty pastimes are skiing and mountain climbing, and his wife also enjoys skiing. He was born in Oregon, and has had plenty of opportunity to become an expert, but she is working on the project of catching up with him in skiing proficiency.

On a recent 30-day leave spent in Portland, he devoted 28 days to skiing. He is a member of the Mazamas, a club of skiers and mountain climbers. Mazama was the ancient name of a high mountain, said to have been the highest in the world, which once stood where Crater Lake now gleams.

HOME STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Bakersfield, Cal. (AFPS)—W. D. Melton was picked up on charges of drunken driving and taken along with his parrot, Rodriguez, to the station house. Everyone was calm except the parrot who berated everyone in sight and could not be silenced. Finally, police took Melton out of the locker and told him to go home and be sure to take Rodriguez with him.

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Mashpee, Mass. (AFPS)—After leading his tribe of Wampanoag Indians for 17 years, Chief Wild Horse quit. There were "not 20 real Indians" left in town, he charged. "At least 100 people around here are just make-believe and some are downright phonies." The chief's son, Clinton, a vet of World War II, also turned down the job.

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Annapolis, Md. (AFPS)—Republican members of the State Senate were holding a private caucus in one of the State Capitol offices when Senator Joseph M. George, Democrat, and known as the best shot in the legislature, walked in with a loaded rifle. The Republicans threw up their hands. But the Democrat was only after a pigeon he'd spotted on the building ledge.

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Freeport, Texas (AFPS)—The \$100 placed on deposit at the Freeport Bank for the bombardier who dropped the first bomb on Tokyo has been turned over to the Veterans Hospital at Waco, Texas. No one ever came to collect it.

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Farmer City, Ill. (AFPS)—Mrs. O. W. Reinke thinks saving four-leaf clovers does not bring good luck. She has found 264 of them along with a prize six-leaf clover, and she says, "I'm not rich yet."

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Cambridge, Mass. (AFPS)—The sight of a fire engine in a funeral procession here does not signify the death of a fireman. During the war, when gasoline was in short supply, the fire department offered the use of its engine to carry flowers. The custom, somehow, still persists.

Albuquerque, N. M. (AFPS)—An Indian brought his tax problems to an income tax field deputy for help in filling out the blank. To all questions on earnings, cash on hand, etc., the Indian had only one answer: "Ugh."

Then the conversation took a different task. The deputy said: "You'll have to tell me."

"Ugh."

"Why, you may even have a refund coming to you."

"Ugh—how much?"

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

USAFI—the United States Armed Forces Institute—is just five years old. But already it is an alma mater with 3,000,000 alumni and a current enrollment of 410,000 soldiers and sailors, the biggest correspondence school in the world.

In the future, when war memories have grown dim, the millions of GI alumni of dear old USAFI may remember their wartime school days with mixed emotions. Some hardy old grad, lecturing his son on the benefits of a high education, will recall what it was like to read Shakespeare in a triple-decker bunk or how he learned to read and sign his name by assiduously applying himself to that swell little book, "Meet Private Pete."

Many former GI's in our crowded colleges and high schools are glad now that they "went" to dear old USAFI during the war. The credits they earned overseas in behind-the-lines courses have been recognized by seventy-three colleges and hundreds of high schools throughout the country.

As a result, a lot of school-going veterans have been able to pick up their studies ahead of the point where they left off to go to war. One ex-GI had only seven credits in the high school he was attending when he went away. He kept at his studies even after arriving at a veterans' hospital. There he finally took USAFI's General Educational Development Tests (high school level) and passed them satisfactorily. When he got back to his home he had to make up only one credit—in American history. The university that he applied to for admission told him that USAFI credits were good enough and enrolled him when he squared off that history mark.

USAFI is now a permanent institution for soldiers and sailors and its headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, offers 287 self-teaching texts and a total of 304 courses running nearly the whole gamut of knowledge.

The Armed Forces Institute offers one of the broadest curricula in the history of scholarship. "Meet Private Pete," which is easier to read (and has more logic) than Mother Goose, started more than 300,000 soldiers on the road to literacy. At



Baseball Welcomes Babe's Return

By SGT. CLARENCE SMITH

(AFPS)—In the bright glare of the sun The Great Man of Baseball appeared pitifully gaunt, weak, weary, at the home plate he had crossed so often to the roars of the crowd. His cheeks, freshly tanned from a Florida vacation, carried the etching of suffering during a prolonged and critical illness. Tears broke barriers set up by many of the 58,339 fans assembled in Yankee Stadium to do him honor, even before he spoke. And then restraint dropped its guard. Thousands cried, unashamedly.

Little more than a decade ago this feeble 53-year-old man had ruled as the greatest slugger the national game had known. This was The Bambino, The Sultan of Swat, the man who had hit 60 home runs in a season, the mighty clouter who finished his career with a lifetime total of 714 circuit blows. In 10 World Series he had smashed 15 homers and batted .325, sixteen points below his lifetime average.

There was a tremendous ovation, such as had never before and possibly never again may be sounded in "The House That Ruth Built," as the Babe stepped to the microphone to speak over a radio hookup to fans gathered in 16 major league ball parks for observance of Babe Ruth Day. The Bambino had listened to others praise him in mellow or booming tones. Cardinal Spellman had lauded him as a "champion of fair play and a manly leader of youth in America." Similar tributes had poured from Ford Frick and Will Harridge, the major league presidents.

But in the Babe's voice there was no boom. Heartfelt emotion carried through the painful, rasping whisper. It was faint to the immense crowd even with the aid of loudspeakers. There was more than a mist in Ruth's eyes as he said:

"Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. . . ."

It was the traditional salutation for such an occasion. Yet the crowd, with that strange understanding at times, sensed the difference—knew how sincere it was because of the effort it required—before he continued:

"You know how bad my voice sounds. Well, it feels just as bad. . . ."

Only scattered phrases reached most of the fans thereafter. It didn't matter. They had come to see, rather than to hear. Without his verbal reminder the crowd knew how Ruth felt—"The only real game, I think, in the world is baseball." The fans knew also his desire to assure the future of baseball by making better playing facilities and coaching available to the youth of America. They had read only a few days before about the Ford Motor Company naming Ruth to direct the American Legion program of junior baseball.

In a few seconds the speech was over. Then, supported on each side by friends, as he was when he entered the stadium, the one-time burly slugger retired to his seat of honor. The applause lasted long after he was seated and it burst out thunderously once more as he retired to his home in the seventh inning, with the Yankees trailing the Washington Senators 1 to 0—the final score.

Babe Ruth, by proclamation of Baseball Commissioner Chandler, had had his big day. And now fans are urging that Babe Ruth Day be observed annually. Establishment of a Babe Ruth Foundation, to foster the best interests of baseball in the spirit which he gave to the game, also is well underway. Details will be announced shortly, organizers report.

Disappointed in his fondest ambition, that of managing a major league team, Babe Ruth is compensated by a satisfaction pleasurable to consider—the knowledge that in the affection of fans he, like Abou Ben Adhem of poetical fame, "leads all the rest."

the same elementary level is Educational Manual 163—arithmetic for everyday life. Up around the top of the ivory tower of this academy is a course called EM 618, which is based on John Dewey's "Human Nature and Conduct." Still another college-level course deals with "Principles of Abnormal Psychology."

Stop in the Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. No. 1039 and

browse through the USAFI Library. There are books—self-teaching manuals—on high school, technical, and college level subjects that may be borrowed for an indefinite period of time. Most of these subjects are prepared for study by correspondence, and may be applied for at the E/R Office—initial enrollment is \$2—with no further charge as long as the courses are completed.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Disabled veterans who are receiving compensation awards from Veterans Administration may soon find that the amount of their monthly check has been increased or decreased.

Veterans Administration is reviewing all disability compensation awards under the new rating schedule established by Congress in 1945. Until the new schedule went into effect most awards were being paid under rating schedules established by Congress in 1933 and 1925.

VA also considers the current condition of the veteran's disability when determining his new rating for compensation purposes.

About 25 per cent of the awards being paid to Northern California veterans have already been reviewed by VA. Of this number, 40 per cent were decreased, 20 per cent increased, and 40 per cent remained unchanged.

VA estimates that nearly a year will be required to review remaining awards in Northern California.

Increases in awards resulting from the 1945 rating schedules will be retroactive to April 1, 1946.

The review is automatic. VA requests that disabled veterans do not make inquiries about their cases while they are pending.

Question: "I'm a World War I veteran and I was married in June, 1945. Is my wife entitled to receive a pension when I die?"

Answer: Your wife would not be eligible for a pension if you died less than 10 years after your marriage. The widow of a World War I veteran is entitled to receive a pension if she was married to the veteran before December 14, 1944, or for 10 or more years.

Question: "I am operating my own business but am losing money at present. As an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, can I claim readjustment allowances?"

Answer: If you served over 90 days, part of which was World War II service, you are eligible for a self-employment allowance and may file application at a local office of your state employment service.

Angry customer: "Here's that shirt I bought from you last week. You said you would return my money if it wasn't satisfactory."

Merchant (politely): "That's what I said but I am happy to tell you I found the money very satisfactory."



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Major League Games On Exclusive Radio Broadcast Here

This week another "first" was chronicled in Letterman's long history when for the first time a major league baseball game was broadcast exclusively for the patients undergoing treatment here.

A few weeks ago Mr. Jack McDonald, sports writer for the San Francisco "Call-Bulletin," was escorting some visitors through the hospital and chatting with the patients. The query was put to him "Why don't we get major league games over the radio out here?" Mr. McDonald answered the question and then went home to think it over. He asked himself the question "Why not?" and he mentioned the matter in his daily column.

The response was immediate from the loyal friends of Letterman rallying around Mrs. Lois Moran Young, who as the Red Cross co-ordinator all during the war years has given devoted service to the patients here. Mr. William P. Kyne learned of the project and offered to underwrite the expenses from his Veterans' Rehabilitation Fund, and Mr. Bill Pabst, station manager of KFRC, offered the facilities of the local Don Lee outlet for the Mutual Broadcasting System. Things were soon humming.

Mr. Pabst secured permission from the National and American Leagues for a leased Western Union wire to bring the play by play description to the studios of KFRC whence a line donated by that station carried the game to the radio room at Letterman. Another Jack Macdonald, the "Old Walnut Farmer" who does the broadcasting for the San Francisco "Seals" game, was added to the staff and his will be the voice heard over the hush-a-tones at the bedside and the loud speakers through-



HUGH HERBERT HAS HIS PULSE TAKEN

By Vincent Maquinez of Hayward, California, patient on ward 31. Accompanied by feminine members of the cast of "Rosalinda," in which he is currently featured, Herbert entertained Letterman patients last week on wards 31 and 42. Music for the occasion was provided by Jack Ross and his band from the Palace Hotel. The show was sponsored by the Hospital Veterans' Entertainment Committee.

out the hospital.

The first game was aired on Wednesday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies at KFRC to start the service. Gathered around the "mike" were Mrs. Lois Moran Young, Mr. Jack McDonald, of the "Call-Bulletin," father of the idea, Mr. Bill Pabst, of KFRC, Bob Ahearn, representing Mr. William P. Kyne, and other friends of Letterman. At the controls of Letterman station KLGH

was Johnny Miller, the station manager.

The first game came from Cincinnati where "Dem Bums" were the opponents. The patients demonstrated great enthusiasm for the new entertainment feature and look forward to a continuation of the service in coming months. Games to be broadcast will be published in the daily bulletin and announced over the KLGH station.

"Enlisted Career" Promotions To Be On Competitive Basis

The long-awaited Regular Army enlisted career plan, designed to facilitate enlisted personnel's advancement via competitive and appropriate MOS tests, has been released by the War Department in the form of a "tentative and informative circular." The plan will go into effect early next year.

The circular has been sent into the field for recommendations and comments. It will be revised at the earliest practicable date after Sept. 1, 1947.

Details of the tentative circular already have been approved by the Chief of Staff and a review board of senior non-commissioned officers.

Believed in many circles to be the most far-reaching reorganization in military history, the career plan calls for two basic changes in promotion policy. It puts advancement to the top two grades (senior and master sergeant) on a basis of army-wide competition and makes retention of grade a matter of continuous meritorious service.

Six months after the announcement that all promotions shall be based on MOS tests, all personnel in grades one to three will take an MOS test to determine their proficiency in their respective grade and primary job field.

All technician ratings will be abolished. Men formerly in this category will be integrated into the corresponding (or appropriate) line grade.

Four warrant officer grades will be created when the career plan goes into effect. Additional warrant officer jobs will be established to permit enlisted advancement. Retirement of warrant officers will be compulsory after 30 years' service.

Under the proposed plan, non-
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It Pays To Be Questioned On The USAFI Quiz Program

Letterman patients on hand for coffee time at the Recreation Center last Thursday morning found that it pays to know the right answers. In fact, it pays a lucky silver dollar for each correct answer when the roving mikeman from Letterman's radio station KLGH asks a question.

Reason for the questions and answers is the USAFI Quiz Show put on twice weekly at the Recreation Center at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. And if you don't know what USAFI means, you may lose a dollar.

It means United States Armed Forces Institute, the name of the Army school which offers Army personnel an opportunity to pick the subjects they want to know more about, and learn about them on four levels—elementary, high school, technical and college.

The twice-weekly Quiz Show gives Lettermanites a chance to learn more about USAFI and what it offers, and also a chance to tell what they know and get a handy dollar. Last week these lucky people cashed in because they knew the right answers:

Hardy Ward, Don Owens, David Hochberg, Joseph McGuire, James M. Cooper, Frank Flores, W. M. Rogers, Robert Anderson, A. Langestad, Robert Barry, Walter Jackson, Virgil Fronthouser, Jack Molberry and Paul E. Tourel.

The quiz shows are sponsored by the United States Armed Forces Institute at Madison, Wisconsin, and given here at Letterman under the direction of Educational Reconditioning office.

Here is how USAFI works. If you've been asking yourself "How can I get an education or learn a trade while I'm still in the service?" here's the answer. USAFI offers you an opportunity to make your off-duty time count. It doesn't make any difference how much schooling you've had: grammar school, high school, or college—USAFI can help you pick up where you left off.

USAFI will furnish text books that will lead you through a course, no matter how difficult, step by step. Texts contain pictures and diagrams, complete explanations, and review questions to help you spot your own weakness. You can work toward a high school diploma, college credits, or learn a trade that will help you later on.

These are a few of the hundreds of courses offered: Aviation and Au-



THEY BOTH HAD THE RIGHT ANSWER FOR USAFI

Corporal Howard Anderson of Educational Reconditioning pays out a silver dollar to Donald Owens of ward 40, while John Miller, manager of Letterman's radio station KLGH waits for David Hochberg of ward 43 to answer a question. He had the right answer, too, and USAFI paid off again. The USAFI Quiz show is now being held twice a week at the Recreation Center, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30, during coffee time. Entertainment is featured, and every correct answer wins a dollar. The show is broadcast over KLGH.

tomotive, Business Administration, Building Construction, Drafting and Applied Arts, Education and Psychology, Electricity, Electronics and Radio, English and Journalism, Foreign Languages, History, Mathematics, Photography, Plastics, Railway Transportation and Science.

The Educational Reconditioning office offers courses taught by instructors furnished by the San Francisco Board of Education; self-teaching courses, and correspondence courses. Full information about enrollment in any of these courses may be obtained at the Educational Reconditioning office, Building 1039, or by phoning extension 4403.

Troop Information Division, (formerly Information and Education Division), through which all these courses are offered, has developed an instruction program which offers some 380 courses.

Robert H. Patterson, Secretary of War, has said of the Division "The organization, temporary during the war, will become now a regular establishment of the peace time services."

Strong in their conviction that a mentally alert and well educated military force is needed more in America now than ever before, high Army officials are aiming at more complete utilization of self-improvement facilities made available to soldiers through the Troop Information Division.

A recent survey showed that approximately five per cent of the men in the Army overseas are attending schools during off-duty hours. Roughly one soldier out of every seven is enrolled in USAFI correspondence courses, some of which are supplemented by instructor guidance. Thirty-five per cent said they would like to participate in the program, and 75 per cent considered off-duty schools "a good idea."

More than 80 per cent of troops overseas are under 25 and 55 per cent are less than 20 years old, the survey revealed. A recent ET directive charged major commands with full implementation of the education program, saying in part:

"It is desired that commanders of all grades give this program their

unqualified support. No effort should be spared in setting up a good off-duty school system in order that any young enlisted man, whose schooling has been interrupted by enlistment, may be encouraged to continue his education, thus improving his value to the service."

The mission of the program is outlined as:

(a) To assist in maintaining discipline and morale.

(b) To enable service personnel to meet prerequisites for assignment.

(c) To provide continuing educational opportunities for service personnel.

The Army Education Branch at Washington develops the policies and plans for the program, which is implemented under the direction of Col. V. Walter E. Sewell, Branch chief. Subdivisions are the Curriculum and Development Section, the Utilization Section, and the Civilian Instructor Procurement Section.

The C. & D. Section reviews all educational materials to check for conformity with War Dept. policies.

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



ESTHER WILLIAMS AND STARLETS
from Hollywood visited Letterman patients this week to invite them to the I AM An American Day show at the Opera House. They told about the show on a broadcast over KLGH, then visited the wards. Above: Esther Williams (extreme right), and Betty Alexander, Vonne Lester, Peggy Maley and Joan Barton.



GIRLS FROM THE "ROSALINDA" CAST
Who danced for the patients on wards 31 and 42 this week.



USAFI QUIZ SHOW ENTERTAINMENT
Lowell Haran of Oakland sang for the patients during coffee time at the Recreation Center while the question-answerers thought up the right way to get those shiny silver dollars. Harriet Baken of Letterman's Educational Reconditioning staff was the accompanist.



HE WAS THE 3000TH
Corporal Donald Heim (center) smiles as he signs. He was the 3000th person to be processed for separation at Letterman since 1 November 1946. M - Sgt. Thomas H. Werry and Captain Virginia G. Breed of Separation Center also look happy--about that first 3000, no doubt.

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EDITORIAL

'I Am An American'

We Americans are a boastful lot. We brag about our tall buildings, our speedy trains and planes. We flaunt the works of our scientists in the eyes of other nations. We are eloquent when we speak of the glories of our Army and Navy. Perchance it might be a good thing to cease our loud talk and to sit back and think for ourselves what it means to be an American. The 'mirror of nature' will show us what manner of men we really are.

We are a nation of many peoples working for the glory that is America. As an individual I am helping to do my part. Let us not lose sight of ourselves in the vastness that is America. My work, my play, my vote, all help to make America what it is. Every man, woman and child makes a contribution to this great nation.

It takes the man in the ditch to keep us a sanitary nation. The barber, the beauty operator help to keep us a clean-cut people. The salesmen and saleswomen help to keep us a well dressed nation. Behind all these people are the individual workers who make the implements these other people use, or sell. Every man and woman, no matter how small a task they perform, has helped to make this country.

Our architectural skill, our scientific works, our military might, all result from the work



The wedding of Major Verla Thompson, ANC, and Robert Brinkman took place last Sunday afternoon at the Presidio chapel. The bride wore a white suit with white accessories and a corsage of white orchids and bouvardia. Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. White, in Daly City. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman are now on a honeymoon trip, and after their return will make their home in San Francisco.

Lt. Beatrice Sandhoff and Lt. Shaffer of Physical Therapy spent the week end at Carmel, and were entertained at the home of Miss Kate Bier, a former physical therapist and graduate of Walter Reed.

First Lt. Eunice Moratz of the dietitians' staff is attending the mess administration course at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Capt. Vida Buehler of Physical Therapy entertained Lt. and Mrs. Knute Tofte-Nielsen at dinner Thursday evening to celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary. After dinner they went to see "Rosa-

of each of you as an individual. You might be the scholarly engineer who has drawn the plans for our great buildings. You might be the industrious doctor or research man responsible for our contributions in the field of science. When the time comes you are the individual soldier responsible for our armed prowess.

What then does it mean to be an American? It means simply this, I am a person, an individual, interested in making America great. These people who talk of class and race distinction are not working with me. These people who incite me to riot and distrust of government are not fellow-Americans. Let me always remember that Americans desire to make America great. And America desires to make me great because I am an American.

WAC

Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Mary A. Hallaren, Lowell, Massachusetts, as Director of the Women's Army Corps was announced by the War Department last week. The new Director was simultaneously promoted to the grade of Colonel. Officiating at the ceremony was Major General W. S. Paul, Director of Personnel and Administration.

Colonel Hallaren has been Acting Director since March 11, 1947 when Colonel Westray Battle Boyce retired for reason of physical disability. The third Director of the Corps has had wide experience in Army Administration. A graduate of the first WAAC officer candidate school, she was sent to the United Kingdom in July, 1943, as commanding officer of the first battalion of Wacs sent to England for duty with the Eighth Air Force. Later when thousands of Wacs were assigned to the European Theater of Operations, she was appointed Staff Director for the Air Forces.

In recognition of her outstanding military service, she has been awarded the Legion of Merit with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal and Croix de Guerre with gold stars.

If Viola Hocking is seen with a perturbed expression on her face, one reason may be that she hasn't found a suitable answer to her eternal question: "Why?" Answer: Have any of us?

There was quite a bit of discussion among the bunk beds Sunday night when Ginny Hill and Lee Witkowski made a serious decision to remain at home . . . the first Sunday night in 26 months. Believe it or not Army bunks have a gossip streak in them too.

What would happen to the coffee hounds in 213X if the little percolator with its salt shaker top suddenly disappeared?

Sgt. Frances Jenkins and Lt. Betty Miller, ANC, are taking off today on a trip to Los Angeles and Mexico. Their cocker spaniel puppy, named "Flush" after the famous spaniel in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," will be their faithful companion on the trip.

"linda," the current light opera at the Curran.

Lt. Charlotte Higgins of the dietitians' staff is enjoying a 15-day leave at La Jolla, California.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 18 May, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services—

Wednesday at 1930.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Brigadier General M. A. W. Shockley, former commanding general of Letterman General Hospital, in the death of Mrs. Shockley which occurred here on Wednesday evening after a brief illness.

Examination for Office Appliance Operators Announced

The Civil Service Commission has announced forthcoming examinations for office appliance operators, ranging in grade from CAF-1 to CAF-5, with salaries from \$1756 to \$2644 a year. Applications must be received not later than 28 May 1947.

The examinations will be for operators of the following types of office appliances: Addressograph, graphotype, bookkeeping machine, listing machine, tabulating machine, card-punch and calculating machine.

Experience requirements range from two to six months, and substitution of training for experience is permissible in some cases.

Places of employment will be with various Federal agencies in the state of California, Arizona and Nevada. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62. These age limits do not apply to persons entitled to veteran preference.

Further details regarding the examinations, and application cards, may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel office, room 201, LGH administration building.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CAROLYN E. FIX
Technician Fourth Grade

Sgt. Carolyn Fix is the happy possessor of a thirst for knowledge. When she finished high school in her home town of Utica, N. Y., she did post-graduate study in Italian and German. Then she began taking special courses in the various fields she found interesting. Beginning with newspaper printing and advertising layout, she went on to art school for wood-carving course. Next came an NYA machine shop course; then a course in X-ray. She found the last so absorbing that she decided to stay with it, and joined the WAC with the idea of becoming an X-ray technician.

After induction at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1943, an basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., she was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for the X-ray technicians' course. She was then assigned to duty in the station hospital at Camp Stoneman. She was later at Rhodes General Hospital in Utica, N. Y., and at Walter Reed in Washington, D. C., as a patient, then came to Letterman in November 1946. She is in the X-ray laboratory, working as X-ray technician and medical stenographer.

Carolyn says she is interested in music and the arts, and plays the organ and the piano. But her major hobby is carving ship models. One of her models, a Mediterranean pirate ship, was entered in the Marine Exposition held this week at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. She prefers to make models of historical ships rather than modern ones, because she says she finds the intricate detail of the old ships more interesting than the streamlined work on the modern models.

Recently Carolyn acquired a pair of powder blue lovebirds, and she is now busy thinking up a pair of names for them. Any suggestions?

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

The 2d Annual Model Airplane Contest will be held tomorrow, 18 May, at Crissy Field, beginning at 9:30 a. m. The event is sponsored by the San Francisco Model Airplane Club and the Golden Gate and Western Exchange Clubs of San Francisco. Trophies will be awarded in speed and precision, classes A B and C, there will be a special team event and the contest winners in the Northern California finals will meet South California winners at a later contest. The announcement states that the events will be held rain, shine or wind. Charles Girsberger of ward E-1, president of the Letterman Model Airplane Club, urges all the Letterman members to be on hand for the contest.

When Hugh Herbert, who is currently playing at the Curran in "Rosalinda," came to Letterman last week with other members of the cast to entertain the patients, he got a lot of laughs with his witty routine. After the show was over his picture was taken with a group of patients who had been part of the enthusiastic audience—Tony Martinez, John Martinez, Tony Garces, S. Torigoe and Thomas Blake.

Walter Reed, patient on E-2, admits that he had kind of sort of hoped he'd be sent to Walter Reed hospital when he was first a hospital patient after being wounded in France. However, he went to five other hospitals instead, and he doesn't suppose he'll ever get to be Walter Reed of Walter Reed Hospital. He's been a patient in Stark, Madigan, Dibble, McCornack and Letterman, and since San Francisco is his home, this should be the last stop.

The Occupational Therapy work of a number of Letterman patients was shown this week at the Marine Exposition at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. The exhibit from Letterman included work in ceramics, jewelry, plastics, carpentry, and hooked rugs.

When Esther Williams, swimming star and Hollywood star, was at Letterman this week with a group of movie starlets to invite patients to the "I Am An American Day" show to be held Sunday, she did a radio broadcast over KLGH and visited patients on ward 42, E-1 and E-2,

D-2 and K-2. She got a big welcome, and promised to come back soon and put on a show at the LGH swimming pool.

Leo Dierks of ward E-1 was enjoying a visit this week from his wife and their two-year-old son, Lynn, and Lynn was enjoying a ride with his father in a wheelchair.

Manual Avila of ward E-2 was playing a new kind of solitaire one day this week, and we found out that he's a very good-natured card player—the kind that doesn't mind questions or kibitzing.

Promotions

From Captain to Major: Harry K. Hines, MC.

From 1st Lieut. to Captain: Myron Arrick, MC; Edwin F. Boyd, Jr., MC; James G. Brown, MC; Richard G. Crandall, MC; Marshall J. Riese, MC; William J. Fleming, MC; Edward R. Nigro, MC; Bernard J. Schuman, MC.

From 2d Lieut. to 1st Lieut: Margaret D. Bohn, MDD.

More on "EM Careers"

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commissioned officers of the first three grades will be authorized to enlist for indefinite periods of time and will have the privilege of resigning, now only accorded officers.

The army is going to rewrite the military occupation specialties to group specialties by job fields and sub-job fields, and to designate necessary ability and skills for each pay grade. As the "tentative" circular states: "establish a grade for each job in order that equal skills receive equal pay, regardless of branch or type of unit."

The circular also calls for a "determination of the mission of the Army."

Formal school training will be established for certain military occupation specialties. Skill in other specialties will be acquired through apprentice training and self-study through USAFI.

The career plan also calls for rating scales designed to grade enlisted men's conduct and performance of duty throughout their military careers.

A service-wide competitive examination for the first pay grade will be held periodically and the names

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



LEE STEIN
Technician Fifth Grade

Corporal Lee Stein is from Passaic, N. Y., and he's planning to return there when he receives his discharge, but he has come to like California so well in the time he's been here that he hopes to return here to live in the not-too-distant future.

Lee is assigned to Convalescent Services and is loaned to the library. Most of his time is spent making the rounds of the wards with the book truck, and assisting ward librarian Helen Jones in charging out books and magazines to the bed patients.

Much as he enjoys the work in the library, Lee wasn't sorry this week when he was temporarily called away to drive one of the cars that was sent to pick up Hollywood star Esther Williams and a group of other movie celebrities who visited Letterman patients on Monday.

Before he came into the Army, Lee had completed a year at Fairleigh Dickinson Junior College in Passaic, where he majored in advertising. Then in June 1946 he was inducted at Fort Dix, N. J., and sent to Camp Polk, La., for basic training. He came to Letterman in October 1946.

He expects to receive his discharge in November, and will go back to school, but hasn't yet decided whether or not he'll go on with his advertising courses. His father is a contractor, and Lee intends to learn the contracting business. Photography is another possibility. He began by taking a lot of pictures to show his family what San Francisco is like, and now "I spend all my money on photography," he says. He has a German Zeiss-Ikon camera, and recently bought a light meter. Next he's getting a flash attachment. Looks like photography will win out.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Smith of the Detachment of Patients spent the week end in Sacramento, and on Saturday attended a formal dance at the Officers' Club at Mather Field.

Fred Crawford of the Dental Lab brought his wife home this week from St. Joseph's hospital, where she recently underwent an operation. Mrs. Crawford formerly worked at Letterman in the Record Room.

Carl Wofford has resigned and plans to visit friends in Oklahoma City, and after a vacation intends to go into business.

Helen Diez of the Record Room had a letter from a former Letterman employee, Bertha Stuart, who asked to be remembered to all her friends here. And speaking of Helen, have you noticed the sequin bluebird (for happiness, of course) that her daughter made and gave to her as a Mother's Day gift?

Dorothy Palmer, who recently transferred to Letterman from Lowry Field, Colorado, is working at the Hospital Train Unit office.

Ellen Bauer of the Dental Clinic has just returned from a vacation spent at Lake Tahoe. She reports that she had no trouble at all finding plenty of snow thereabouts.

Lois McDougal, who has been working here as ward attendant, has resigned.

Leonne Brennan of Dental Clinic spent the weekend in Mill Valley and acquired a nice tan visiting friends on their yacht, the "War Wind." The yacht formerly belonged to moviemanager Warner Baxter.

Eulalia Beebe of Dental Clinic spent her week-end at Santa Margarita, enjoying a double birthday celebration with a friend whose birthday occurs the same day as her own.

Maggie Trumpour of Finance Office was seen one day this week trying out bubble gum, and it is said that she made a great scientific discovery in the process; namely, that typewriter cleaner is fine for getting bubble gum off your nose.

1st Con: "What are you in for?"

2nd Con: "Rockin' my wife to sleep."

1st Con: "But they can't put you in here for that."

2nd Con: "You ain't seen the size of the rock."

THERE'S A SPARKLE IN HER EYES TO MATCH THE SPARKLE ON HER FINGER



Miss ESTHER AGUADO
Assistant Chief, Occupational Therapy

One day last week Miss Esther Aguado, assistant chief of Occupational Therapy, received an exciting package in the mail. Next day, with a sparkle in her eyes to match the sparkle on her finger, she came to work wearing the contents of the package, a beautiful engagement diamond. Her co-workers insist that she didn't indulge in any hand flourishes, just mischievously waited until someone else brought up the matter of "Who's the lucky man?"

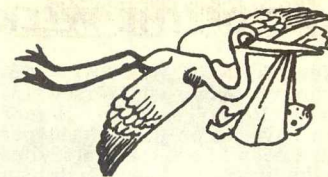
The lucky man is Herbert F. Bess of Michigan, and since he couldn't get away to come to California immediately he sent the ring as an advance agent. No date has yet been set for the wedding—that will be fixed upon when Mr. Bess arrives in the near future. Esther says they would like to make their home in California.

Esther is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and has the honor of sharing her birthday, June 14, with Flag Day. She majored in sociology at Washington University in St. Louis, but became interested in crafts, and

took O. T. training at the St. Louis School of Occupational Therapy. There she learned the intricacies of the many O. T. crafts—leather, jewelry, ceramics, weaving, puppetry, knotting. The course included two years of academic and craft work and a year in clinical field work. Her clinical work was with children suffering from tuberculosis and mental ailments. Following her training she was employed at the State University in Oklahoma City, working with children under Dean Patterson, former surgeon general.

She came to Letterman in July 1941, and worked for more than two years in the O. T. shop on ward S-1, before moving to the main shop. Esther is popular with patients and duty personnel, all of whom appreciate her keen interest in her work.

In sports, Esther likes ping-pong, badminton and basketball. She enjoys reading, dancing, and listening to good music. Leather work is her favorite of the crafts she teaches, and much of her leisure time is devoted to making purses, book covers and wallets.



To T/3 and Mrs. Harry R. Kottouch, a girl, **Harriet Louise**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 5 May.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Richard Loomis, a boy, **Christopher Knapp**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 6 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lester Hale, a boy, **Steven Chris**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 6 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew Hawkins, a girl, **Andrea Lorraine**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 7 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas M. Katkins, a girl, **Linda Mae**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 10 May.

To T/4 and Mrs. James E. Oisten, a boy, **James Richard**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 10 May.

To Major and Mrs. William Long, a boy, **William Harrison, Jr.**, weight 12 pounds and 1 ounce, born 11 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Felix A. Von Magnus, a boy, **Michael Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 12 May.

More On USAFI Quiz

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It also is developing a program of foreign language instruction designed to further international understanding and promote the good neighbor policy. Another major phase of its work is the planning and preparation of educational programs for Armed Forces Radio Service, such as the Science Magazine of the Air, Our Foreign Policy, the USAFI Quiz and the literature series dealing with the world's best novels and other classics.

The Utilization Section supervises chiefly the actual operation of the Army Education Program, of which USAFI is the major agency.

More than 50 instructors for the European Theatre and over 200 for the Pacific Theatre have been sent out by the Teachers' Procurement Section.

Reports show that more than a half million members of the Armed Forces have received sufficient high school credit to obtain graduation diplomas to date.



MAJOR RHINELANDER OF ORTHOPEDIC SERVICE TO LEAVE LGH IN JUNE



Major FREDERIC W. RHINELANDER, MC
Assistant Chief, Orthopedic Service

Letterman patients under the care of Major Frederic W. Rhinelander are remarking regretfully these days about his forthcoming departure, which will be in June, when he receives his discharge from the Army and returns to civilian status. Many of the patients now at Letterman were treated by Major Rhinelander both at DeWitt General Hospital and at Hammond General Hospital as well as here at LGH.

Major Rhinelander was born in Middletown, Connecticut. He studied at Harvard University and at Oxford University in England, receiving his B. A. in physiology at Oxford and his M. D. at Harvard Medical School. Before he came into the Army in August 1944 he was on the teaching staff at Harvard Medical School, and during his three years in the Medical Corps has been on a leave of absence from his teaching work at Harvard. He was also on the staff of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

All of Major Rhinelander's Army assignments have been in California,

with the exception of a brief time at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He was then assigned to De Witt General Hospital at Auburn, California. After six months there he went to Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, where he remained until the hospital closed. He came to Letterman in December 1945.

On all of his Army assignments, Major Rhinelander has been in the Orthopedic Service. He was Chief of Orthopedic Service at Letterman from May 1946 until the assignment of Colonel B. Bolibaugh as chief in January, 1947, after which Major Rhinelander remained as his assistant.

Major Rhinelander has come to like California so well since he has been here that he says he is thinking of staying out here when he returns to civilian life. However, this is undecided as yet.

In his leisure time he enjoys badminton and tennis. He has a small sailboat at Sausalito, and spends his weekends sailing. Photography is another of his hobbies, with special emphasis on medical photography.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Are you a high school graduate? If so, just ignore the following message or relay it to a friend:

It is possible to get your high school diploma while you're still in the service. The easiest way to find out how to go about it is to stop in the E/R Office, Bldg. 1039 and ask for information.

If you've never attended a high school, or live in a state which does not grant diplomas on the basis of the General Educational Development Tests, you still may obtain a diploma or equivalency certificate. How? It's quite simple—establish a San Francisco residency by studying four subjects either at a school down town, or right here on the post under a certified instructor. If you're a bed patient the teacher will come to you, if ambulatory, classes are in Bldg. 1049. Of course, you must successfully complete the courses. In addition to this, you take the GED Tests, passing them with a standard score of 35 or above on each test. These tests cannot be studied in advance, so don't worry about them. Just drop in the office when you have two hours to spare and take one of them. There are five tests altogether, and each one takes approximately two hours. They cover the basic subjects—English, Social Studies, Natural Science, Literature and Math—they are not tests of intelligence, but tests to determine your capability to learn and study. When you have completed your studies and tests, the E/R Office will write to the San Francisco Unified School District furnishing them with all details, and request that a diploma be granted.

Two students have just received diplomas from the Marina Adult School Division—one a patient and the other a duty man. The duty-student began his studies around the first of December last year, covering English, Spanish, U. S. History, U. S. Government, the latter two being requirements according to California State law. He received his high school diploma in May, after taking the GED Tests and passing them successfully. His subject-studies had been completed in April, having received all "A"'s.

The patient-student began his studies in October and received his diploma in May. His subjects were English, U. S. History, U. S. Government and Math.

Newark, N. J. (AFPS)—According to the New Jersey Licensed Beverage Assn. liquor sales have dropped 25 to 40 per cent. Looks like fewer Jerseyites are qualifying for membership in "The Lost Weekend" club.

Norman, Okla. (AFPS)—Next time you find a worm in your apple, eat the worm and toss away the apple. That's the advice of Dr. Lawrence Rohrbaugh, botany professor of Oklahoma University. He explained that the concentration of proteins in the worm exceeds that of the apple.

The professor did not say how he liked his worms, fried or broiled.

Oakland, Calif. (AFPS)—Miswaid Cends Wrandvakist, 50, recently decided to change his name. He petitioned the Alameda County Superior Court for the name — Linkols Dislgrowels Wrandvausgilmolkets.

Auburn, Me. (AFPS)—Easy come, easy go—that's the way it is with a little doe, according to Mrs. Grace Weston. A small doe, escaping from dogs, bounded in one window of her home and out the other.

Chicago, Ill. (AFPS)—Detective Robert Murphy taught his dog a neat little trick—how to turn on a faucet with its nose and paws. The next night, when officer Murphy came home, he found the bathroom wash basin, tub and the kitchen sink overflowing. The dog is a water spaniel.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (AFPS)—George Sitts sat on the electric chair and cracked a joke just before he died for the murder of two law officers: "This is the first time authorities ever helped me escape prison."

Council Bluffs, Ia. (AFPS)—Mrs. Cleo Lee, 25, dreamed she was locked in her room with a man chasing her. So she jumped out of the window. A hospital report said her injuries were not serious.

Brazil, Ind. (AFPS)—Clay County decided to stop paying a \$2-a-head bounty for dead foxes when it was found that hunters from neighboring counties were bringing their dead foxes to Clay County.

Indianapolis (AFPS)—Drivers in a two-car collision turned out to be Paul R. Jones, Jr., and Marvin Jones. The policeman investigating the accident was Sgt. John Jones.

A girl turned up at work the other day wearing two officer's silver bars pinned to her sweater. One of her office mates asked, "Is your boy friend a captain?"

"Goodness no," she said. "Two lieutenants."

More On "EM Careers"

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of qualifying candidates placed on an eligibility list compiled and maintained by the War Department. Names of men placed on the eligibility list may be removed by the War Department, according to the tentative circular, upon recommendation of commanding officers for disciplinary or "other bonafide reasons."

Attendance at officer candidate school will be open to candidates from any grade from private first class who can meet the standards.

A soldier first, a specialist second, an enlisted man successfully must pass a General Military Subjects Test before being promoted to private first class.

Another revolutionary provision in the tentative plan will authorize enlisted men of the first grade to take tests to determine their qualifications for a commission in the Reserve Corps. Those meeting the required standards will be commissioned without attending officer candidate school.

Overall, the plan is designed to enable qualified enlisted men to attain a position commensurate with their capabilities.

Following is the promotion procedure outlined in the tentative circular upon 12 months' service in grade and passage of appropriate MOS test.

5. From grade three to two: By army or theater upon 12 months' service in grade and three years total active service and passing of appropriate MOS test.

6. From grade two to one: By War Department upon 18 months' service in grade, five years' total active service and passing of appropriate MOS test.

1. From grade seven to six: By unit commanders upon completion of basic training and successful passage of General Military Subjects Test.

2. From grade six to five: By unit commanders upon successful passage of appropriate MOS test and six months' service in grade provided vacancy exists—otherwise after one year's service.

3. From grade five to four: By unit commanders to fill vacancies upon six months' service in grade and passage of appropriate MOS test.

4. From grade four to three: By unit commanders to fill vacancies



Lady Luck Plays Fair With a Lady

By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(AFPS)—"Don't get beat no noses." This is the advice Eddie Arcaro has been pounding home to himself, to the tune of thundering hoofbeats, during the years he needed to establish himself as a No. 1 jockey in any company. But it was by the margin of a nose that he missed becoming the first rider in the history of the Kentucky Derby to ride four winners.

In the 73rd running of the Churchill Downs classic on May 3 the wiry little Italian was aboard Phalanx, the horse he praised immediately after the race as the "greatest three-year-old in the country."

"The greatest jockey in the world," as a majority of critics are inclined to rate Arcaro, riding the "greatest three-year-old," should be a sure-fire Derby combination. That it failed leaves two logical conclusions. Either the horse or the man was over-rated.

In the light of coming events, either conclusion might prove foolish. Phalanx may yet justify all that Arcaro said about the C. V. Whitney colt. The sturdy son of Pilate-Jacola is a good bet to emerge as the winner of the Preakness at Pimlico and the Belmont Stakes, both \$100,000 events, with Arcaro booting him home.

The Way of a Woman

Lady Luck has a way of slapping you down when you think you are riding the clouds and then catching you by the seat of the pants when you are dragging dust and lifting you on high. Arcaro frankly admitted he failed to give Phalanx a good ride—that he held back too long before letting the favorite loose for the closing drive.

In respect to another gallant lady—Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, who took a bitter buffeting from fate a year ago—we like to think that Lady Luck may have decided it was time to reward perseverance. We like to believe, without taking anything from Jet Pilot or Jockey Eric Guerin for some very smart riding, that it was the invisible hand of Lady Luck that stayed the closing rush of Phalanx until it was too late.

When a stable fire destroyed half a million dollars worth of her prize yearlings, and a few days later her potential 1-2-3 combination of Lord Boswell, Knockdown and Perfect Bahram proved a heart-breaking disappointment in the 1946 Kentucky Derby, a less stout-hearted lady than Mrs. Graham might have called it quits and retired from racing.

The "Cosmetics Queen" does not know the meaning of the word quit. She fought her way up from an humble beginning to the position of acknowledged leader of the multi-billion dollar cosmetics business—first in America and then throughout the world.

From an Humble Beginning

Old-time residents of New York's East Side can recall where she started her business, just a few blocks from where the new home of United Nations will be located. "She had her tiny shop in the back of an old building and she mixed her first cosmetics by hand. She had just graduated from college as a chemistry student," the old-timers will say.

In an era when victory by any means is a compelling credo of many to whom money no longer is important because of their wealth, Mrs. Graham is a refreshing influence. She loves racing and she loves her horses. But truly! "Her darlings," as she likes to call the thoroughbreds who carry her colors, must never feel the whip, even if it means losing a \$100,000 race by a nose. She has discharged jockeys who defied this wish in the heat of a closing rush.

But in the 73rd running of the Kentucky Derby Eric Guerin did not even need to give a frightening swish of the switch. Jet Pilot led all the way—a great horse under a great rider. Neither perhaps the greatest in the country, but both very good.

And, in a way, it was a bit of long overdue justice to another track worthy, Trainer Tom Smith, who recently was reinstated after a suspension of more than a year because one of his assistants, admittedly without his knowledge, confessed to mild stimulation of a horse.

Lady Luck has a strange way of squaring accounts.

AIR EVACUATION

One of the largest movements of patients by air took place on Friday of this week when the Air Evacuation Section of the Air Transport Command transported 98 patients to Oliver General Hospital at Aug-

usta, Georgia, Murphy General hospital at Waltham, Mass., and Army & Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.—H. W. Longfellow

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Veterans in school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. bill) who plan to transfer to another out-of-state school at the end of this semester or intend to continue their education this summer in another school should call at the nearest Veterans Administration office to make several important adjustments in their records.

If a veteran moves to another section of the country his National Service Life Insurance records will be transferred to the VA branch office having jurisdiction over his new place of residence.

Before the veteran moves he should inform the present VA branch insurance office of his change of address, listing both his old and new address, policy number, service serial number, and full name.

Student-veterans who intend to continue their education this summer in a different school should apply immediately for a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

Applications should be filed with the VA well in advance of the end of the Spring semester in order to insure receipt of the certificate by the veteran before he enrolls in summer school. The application, which may be obtained on the campus, should be sent to the VA office having jurisdiction over the school the veteran is now attending.

Question: I was discharged from the U. S. Army in May, 1945. Are readjustment allowances still available to me?

Answer: Yes, readjustment allowances are available to any eligible veteran until two years after the date of his discharge or release, or until two years after the official termination of the war, whichever is later.

Question: I am a World War II veteran and have been ill for five months. At the end of my sixth month of total disability, will I have to continue paying my National Service Life Insurance premiums or is a waiver granted automatically?

Answer: No automatic waiver of premiums is ever granted. A veteran must be disabled for six months before he may apply for a waiver of premiums. You are entitled to file a claim for refund of those premiums you paid from the date on which the waiver becomes effective.



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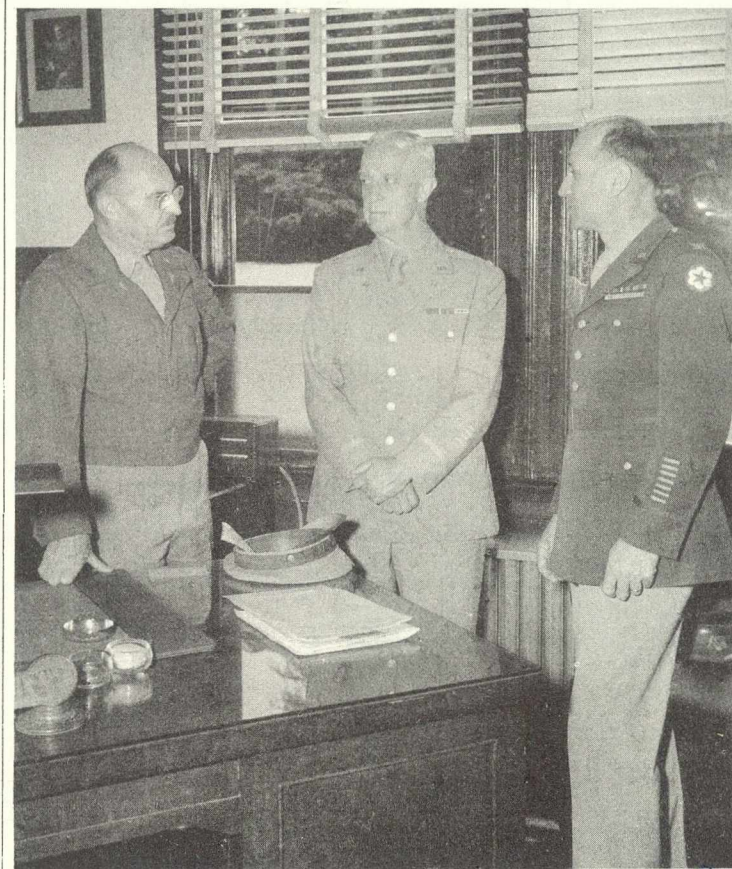
Memorial Services Will Honor War Dead Next Friday

In keeping with tradition the honored dead of all wars will be remembered in ceremonies and tribute paid to their heroic deeds on this coming Memorial Day. The members of Frederick Bunch Post No. 116, American Legion, will hold their time honored ritual at Lotta's Fountain, Powell and Market Streets, at 0001 on 30 May. The program will be aired on one of the local stations.

At 0900 there will be a Memorial Mass in the Letterman Chapel. There will be a Memorial Day parade by the Sixth Army, starting at 9:45 a. m. from Van Ness and Lombard Streets, and the line of march will be from that point to the Presidio National Cemetery, where Brigadier General Frederick McCabe will give a Memorial Day address at 1100 for the annual memorial services under the auspices of the United Veterans Committee. At 1000 there will be a Memorial Mass in the chapel at Golden Gate National Cemetery and at 1100 services in the cemetery proper under the County Council of Veterans.

The tradition of paying homage to the dead, of which Memorial Day is a comparatively modern instance, is older than Christianity. The dead were honored in ancient Greece and Rome. The inspiration for Memorial Day can be traced more immediately to the Christian tradition of honoring the dead on All Souls Day, 2 November.

The custom of revering and remembering the dead has been common to all peoples except for a few obscure tribes. Memorial ceremonies have varied in different countries. Memorial Day is a variation of this almost universal and time-honored custom. The United States was, however, the first country to set aside one day each year on which to honor all men who had died for peace and freedom.



MANPOWER

Is the topic under discussion with Colonel Arthur M. Sheets, GSC (center) from the office of the Chief of Staff, War Department Manpower Board. Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, (left) commanding in the absence of Colonel Winn, and Colonel Kermit H. Gates, MC., executive officers, are listening.

Our Memorial Day grew out of the ceremonies that honored the fallen soldiers of the Union and Confederate Armies. When the tragic war between the States ended in 1865, the Union had been saved. The problems of peace seemed as complex and vast as those of war, for the States were reunited in name only. When the war ended, the hatreds aroused by four years of bitter struggle did not disappear overnight.

The losses suffered by both sides could not readily be forgotten—our Nation was still torn by discord.

An inspiring symbol of unity and reconciliation was needed from which the people could draw strength as they strove—once again—to become a united nation. That symbol was supplied when a kind gesture by a small group of women in a little-known community in the

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Manpower Board Is Here on Survey of Our Personnel Needs

During the past week the department chiefs at Letterman have been well occupied in conferences with the survey team from the Office of the Chief of Staff representing the Manpower Board.

The purpose of this survey is to obtain an accurate inventory of the military and civilian personnel engaged in all general hospital functions and to determine the personal requirements for specific workloads existing as of the survey date in order to form a basis for future personnel authorizations.

The team is headed by Colonel Arthur M. Sheets, GSC, from the office of the Chief of Staff and he is assisted by Mr. Mark D. McDonough, administrative analyst from the same office. On the team from the office of the Surgeon General are Lieut. Colonel John Kimble, M. C., deputy chief of the Hospitalization Division, Major Russell Murray, F. C., Chief of the Personnel Authorization branch, and Major Robert E. Edmunds, MAC, Chief of Enlisted Men's branch. Acting for the commanding officer at the board sessions is Major Jack Burnett, MAC, Director of Personnel for Letterman General Hospital.

The survey team began to hold hearings on Monday and completed the program on Friday of this week. The team then moved south to McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena where it will be occupied during the coming week on a similar mission. The next stop on the itinerary after that will be William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso Texas.

It is well known that the mission of the Medical Department is the care of the sick and wounded and it is believed that the survey team will make no recommendations that will in any way impair that service.

Patients Find Both Treatment and Diversion in Ceramics

Letterman patients modeling in clay in the Ceramics Department of the Occupational Therapy Shop have turned out an amazing variety of work, ranging from the functional to the purely decorative. Bowls, plates, bookends, animals, sculptured figures, candlesticks, lamps—these are only a few of the designs that earn admiration in the displays of finished work.

The creation of beauty for the beholder is not the primary purpose of the work. It is primarily a therapeutic measure by means of which patients may get needed exercise by constructive activity rather than by monotonous repetitive movements. But the pleasure of creation and the sense of accomplishment are valuable by-products.

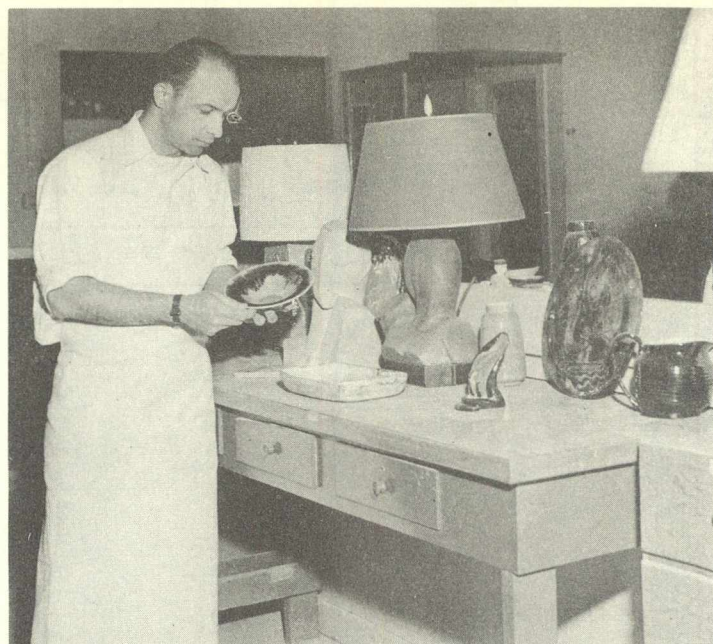
During the morning hours the facilities of the department are reserved for patients who will benefit from the movements involved in the use of the potter's wheel and working the clay. In the afternoons patients who model for diversion are invited to work in the department. The hours for patients are from 9 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

All materials are furnished. The department has all facilities for modeling, including three kilns, where bisque firing and glaze firing are done. The patients may make their own glazes, to obtain the particular colors they want.

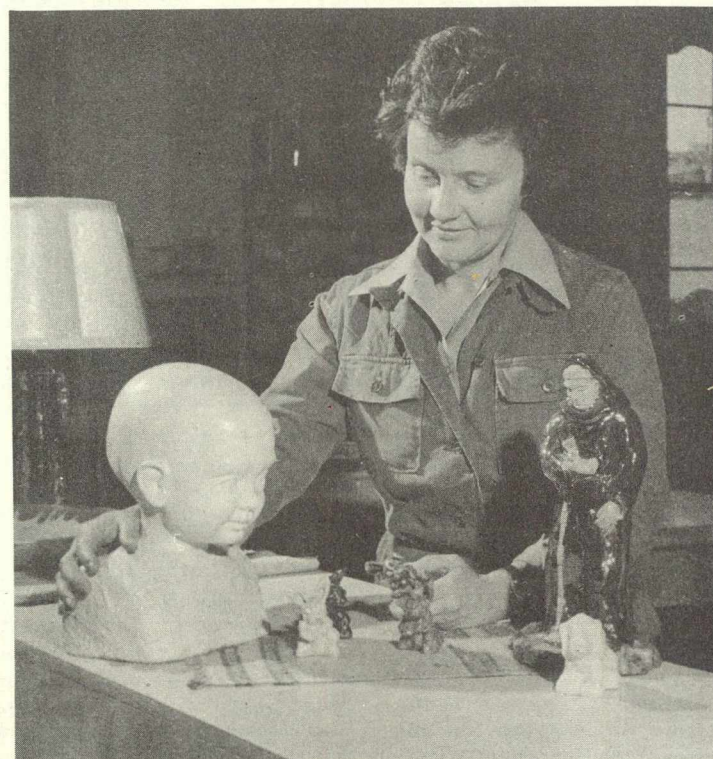
Instruction in modeling is given by Champion Nixon, the head of the department, and by his two assistants, T/3 Dorcas Rosenfeld and T/4 Aletha Birchfield. Sergeant Birchfield works in the O. T. Shop on ward S-1.

Mr. Nixon first took up ceramics in 1930 at Fullerton Junior College, Fullerton, California. He later majored in music at the University of Southern California, but returned to the ceramics field and worked for five years as student and assistant to Dr. Glen Lukens, internationally known potter and head of the USC Art Department.

After leaving USC he taught an adult education program for several years, in both music and art, before coming to Letterman. He was at Hamilton Field for three years and with the Navy at Tiburon for two years, coming to LGH in January 1945 to take charge of the Ceramics Department.



CHAMPION NIXON, HEAD OF CERAMIC DEPARTMENT
with a display of some of the work done in the department
by Letterman patients.



T/3 DORCAS ROSENFELD
with some of her recent work—a head of her nephew, a figure of St. Francis, and the "Crosspatch" family of bunny banks, designed to make money-saving a painless operation. The "Crosspatches" have an appetite for pennies, nickels and dimes.

Since he has been here he has held night classes to train helpers and assistant teachers. He and his wife Miriam, who also works in ceramics, have a San Francisco studio at Davis and Pacific streets, where they hold monthly exhibits of their work, and make ceramics on special orders. They have a 10-month-old son, Forrest, who is getting an early start as a potter by breaking up clay (not always by request).

Mr. Nixon praises the good work of his two assistants, Sergeants Rosenfeld and Birchfield, and the cooperation of the arts and skills workers and other volunteers who have helped in the department.

Sergeant Rosenfeld, who teaches modeling in clay and fingerpainting, believes that "anyone can model" and is proud of the work of her pupils in ceramics. Her own work includes modeling in clay, sculpturing, and painting in oils. At present she is modeling a head of Rabbi Irving F. Reichert of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco. Since she has been in the WAC she did both a bust and a portrait of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, and the portrait was hung in the state capitol building at Austin, Texas.

She is from Tucson, Arizona, and has her B. A. degree from the University of Arizona and her M. A. from the University of Michigan. Before she was in the WAC she taught English and history. She intends to return to teaching when she receives her discharge, and to go on working at painting and sculpture.

Recently she designed a family of bunny banks, known as "Mr. and Mrs. Crosspatch and the three little Crosspatches," which she plans to market commercially. It isn't necessary to break the bank to get the money out, and when the money is removed (only for the purpose of putting it in a savings bank, of course) the Crosspatch family are again ready to stand guard over additional savings, giving out with a fearsome frown if the money is taken out and used for frivolous spending.

Sergeant Birchfield, who is from Fontana, California, studied art at Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, and before she joined the WAC worked for the San Bernardino Air Depot doing pen-and-ink drawings which were used in visual aid tests. She has been at Letterman for a year, and teaches modeling in the O. T. shop on ward S-1. Since she

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



AT WORK IN THE CERAMICS DEPARTMENT

L to R: Tony Gonzales of ward 28 finishing the plate he made (the two decorated bowls are also his work); Ruth Byram, ward C-41, works on a cup, and Norman Herman of F-2 puts the glaze on the lion he modeled. The horse's head is the work of Eugene S. Cobb of ward N-1.



USING THE POTTER'S WHEEL

Frederick N. Seals, ward 41 (left) and Danford Miliken, ward 41 (right) mold clay on the potter's wheel under the direction of Champion Nixon head of ceramics department.



THE MILLER TWINS

Patty and Joan got a big hand on ward K-2 when they entertained the patients with their song-and-dance routine.



PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS

Col. Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, congratulates three officers on their promotions. L to R: Major Harry K. Hines, MC; 1st Lieut. Margaret D. Bohn, MDD; Captain Edward R. Nigro, MC.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day has a special meaning to members of the armed forces. It is a day set aside in honor of American servicemen who, in time of peace and war, died that our Nation might live.

It is a day on which we pause to refresh our memories of the ideals for which hundreds of thousands of Americans were willing to sacrifice their lives. It is a day on which we take stock of the price that has been paid for the ideals for which they fought and died, and our present ability to preserve those ideals.

Next Friday, May 30, will be the second Memorial Day since the cessation of hostilities of World War II. Since the first Memorial Day in 1886, the United States has engaged in three major conflicts, the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II, each successive conflict worse than the last in its toll of lives and area of battle.

This Memorial Day finds the world in a condition which even the most optimistic regard with grave concern. The people of the world have more need now than ever to recall to mind and practice those ideals which it can be hoped will lead to the only goal by which war can be avoided—the establishment of better human relations among the nations.

As we honor the memory of those who died in battle, let us remember and work for the shining goal of peace.



Lieutenant Elsie Hoin, ANC, who is on duty in ward 30, has been in the Army Nurse Corps for five years. During the war she was on duty in the Pacific theatre, and after the war ended she received her discharge, but after a year and a half of civilian life she came back into the Army. Lieutenant Hoin is from Chicago, and has been at Letterman for the past three months.

Lieutenant Mary I. O'Donnell, ANC, on duty in ward E-1, is from Ardmore, Pa., and has been in the Army Nurse Corps for two years. She was en route to Okinawa when the war ended, and as a result of cancelled orders spent a month at Panama waiting for further orders, and enjoying an unexpected vacation. She is a member of the choir at St. Anne's Church in San Francisco, and Lettermanites had a chance to hear her sing during the recent Holy Week and Easter ceremonies here.

Lt. Edith Dumond and Lt. Miriam Johnson of Physical Therapy both returned to civilian status this week, and are already missed by their co-workers. Lt. Johnson is flying to Fort Lewis, and later plans to go to Washington, D. C. Lt. Dumond hasn't announced her destination, but is going away for a rest.

Lt. Mary Paine of Physical Therapy has returned from a brief vacation at her home in Ceres, California. However, she reports that it wasn't such a vacation after all, because she spent a lot of time housecleaning, and then a dust storm came up and blew the dirt right back again.

Lt. Anita P. Gosnell, ANC, was processed for separation this week, and is now a civilian again. It is rumored that a trip to Hawaii is next on her program.

Lt. Margaret Franklin of the dietitians' staff, having been separated this week, is enroute to her home in Maryland.

Capt. Myrtle Huhener, ANC, reported for duty here last week. Capt. Huhener was formerly at Oakland Regional Hospital.

WAC

Sergeant Helen Hick became the bride of Corporal Earl Brost on May 3 in a wedding ceremony at the home of Master Sergeant Opal Glenn. Mrs. Brost was true to the Army in the matter of wedding costume, and was married in her tropical worsted uniform. The couple spent a six-day honeymoon exploring San Francisco.

Lois Henry returned with a nice suntan after a pleasant week-end visit with Sally Coburn, former detachment member.

Douglas Hill gave his sister Ginny a surprise visit last week when he drove up from Los Angeles to spend a few days here.

Sheila Daugherty, former medical lab technician here, has re-enlisted in the WAC in Portland, and hopes to be assigned again to Letterman.

Barbara Mostella, who joined the Letterman WAC detachment this week, hopes to be assigned as a surgical technician.

Jackie Lyons, now a patient on ward G-2, who was formerly attached to the Intelligence Service in Tokyo, would like to meet some of the girls in the detachment. Jackie was flown here from Tokyo after being struck by an auto "which came from nowhere," she says. Her chief interest now is people, and more people.

Rose Ruscak looks like a million dollars in spite of the fact that she's still down in bed. Seems her broken ankle had to be re-set. To date Rose has undergone three operations, but she can smile when she discusses them. Her cast still has room for more autographs.

Psychologists record that movies do affect us, and no doubt those snow scenes of Canada's virgin northern territory shown in this week's orientation movie left many in the audience cold, but how does Helen Cline manage to stay so warm and human and still operate that projection machine five days and six nights a week?

Back to duty from their recent role as patients are Sally Craig and Carolyn Powers, and it's good to see them in the chow line again.

In line for promotion congratulations are Estella Watras, to Master Sergeant; Robbie Gaulding, Ethel E. Lee and Catherine Mack, to T/3; and Carolyn E. Fix and Katherine Kelly, to T/4.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 25 May, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Memorial Day, 30 May

Mass at 0900

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

PRIDE

By Don Marquis

boss it is funny to me
the things that people get proud of
i met a flea today
who was all hopped up
with self importance
he said he had been
up to the zoo and had bit
a lion you should have heard
him roar said the flea
when i sank my teeth into him
plenty of fleas have bit dogs
but i guess i am the only
flea who ever licked a lion
little fellow
i said to him
don't get proud
probably he never knew
you existed more than likely
he though you were only
a measle breaking out on him
boss i have known
some human being who were
just as foolish as that flea
they thought they were heroes
when they were only cinders
in the eyes of humanity
too many creatures
both insects and humans
estimate their own value
by the amount of minor irritation
they are able to cause
to greater personalities than them-
selves—archy.

—Literary Digest.

PROMOTIONS

From 1st Lieutenant to Captain:
Luis V. Amador, MC; Alfred V. Bateman, MC; Charles A. Branthaver, MC; Paul G. Hattersley, MC; John J. Piel, MC; Austin R. Tyrer, MC; William H. Whiting, MC.

From 2d Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant: M. Denne Kuntz, MDPT; Florence L. Murphy, ANC.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CATHERINE MACK
Staff Sergeant

To Staff Sergeant Catherine Mack, Army life is an old story which began long before she was in the WAC. Her father was an Army man, and Catherine, who was born in Oakland, California, lived on various Army posts while she was growing up, and Army life appealed to her.

Her father, M/Sgt. Thomas Mack, is now retired and lives in San Diego. Catherine went to vocational school, where she learned to operate bookkeeping machines, and when she completed her vocational training went to work in a bank. But she was homesick for the Army, she says, and in July 1943 she joined the WAC. She went to Des Moines for basis training, and to the Administrative School at Alpine, Texas, and was then assigned to duty at Camp White, Oregon, where she did clerical work. Her next station was Camp Haan. There she was first in the sergeant's office, but what she really wanted was a motor pool assignment, and after what she calls some "long talking" she got her wish, and began driving a 1½-ton truck. It just didn't last long enough, because shortly thereafter the camp was closed, and Catherine was sent to Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, California. She had a variety of jobs there—supply sergeant, company driver, company MP and company projectionist for orientation pictures.

In December 1945 she received her discharge, and went back to her work in the bank at San Diego. Once more she missed the Army, so six months later she again became a WAC. She was supply sergeant at Camp Stoneman for a time, and then asked for a transfer to Letterman, and came here last October. She does clerical work in the Dietetics Department.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Merle Adams of ward E-1 is making good use of his time these days by doing some studying that will benefit him when he returns to civilian life. He intends to go back to dairy farming, and is not only doing some intensive studying of books on the subject, but is also filling a notebook with information he'll find useful when he does go back.

The broadcasts of the major league baseball games, which began at Letterman last week, are now on daily schedule over Letterman's radio station KLGH at 1 p. m., and may be heard over the hush-a-tone receivers in the wards or in the patio. American and National League games are broadcast, and patients are urged to phone KLGH (extension 2711) and let the station know which games they want to hear.

Jimmie Wheaton of ward C-2, who recently underwent surgery, is up and about again, more cheerful than ever.

When Raymond Howard of ward E-1 finishes the rug he is now working on he'll really have something. That is, his wife will. He's taking great pains with it, weaving it very closely, and paying special attention to his choice of colors. He's even gone so far as to take out whole sections and replace them when the color gradations aren't just to his liking. In between bouts of work on the rug, he's reading Lloyd Douglas' book "The Robe," and says he enjoys it very much, since Biblical literature is his favorite kind of reading.

Twenty-three lucky patients knew the right answers for the KLGH roving mikeman on the two USAFI Quiz programs held this week. Those who went away from the broadcasts richer by one silver dollar were: Paul H. Teensen, Clarence Murray,

One of Catherine's favorite possessions is her Shetland sheep dog, Twinkle, who accompanies her on her favorite pastimes of hiking, fishing and hunting. Twinkle is strictly an Army dog, having been brought up in a WAC detachment. Though she isn't driving for the Army at present, she drives her own Olds, and is planning to buy a new car and take a trip to New York.

William H. Smith, Robert N. Anderson, Tate Camwel, Walter R. Howes, Fred F. Moorehead, Pete DiLoreto, Richard A. Willson, Leslie F. Scofield, Dick Wilson, Charles Freeman, Robert Anderson, Lefty Kitsuke, Ed Seilert, M. O. Voorhead, Maynard L. Wiser, Joseph A. Mancarella, Martin James, Robert Barry, Shelby L. Richardson, E. H. Buckley, Jack Burke.

When Anthony Cecelio of ward B-2 comes into the PX for his morning coffee he finds so many people he knows and wants to chat with that it's a problem for him to know where to sit. So he compromises by going around talking to his friends and letting his coffee get cold.

Bret Huntamer of ward K-2 is from Olympia, Washington, and yes, everybody does say "Named after Bret Harte, huh?" when they hear his first name. He's been in the hospital 25 months, but his family at home keep him well up on the hometown news by sending him the Olympia News.

Ardel Hogrefe of ward K-2 is doing a little predicting that his family is about to be augmented by another son. When you ask him how he knows, he says "Well, the baby better be a boy!" He has a four-year-old daughter and a 19-month-old son, and now wants another boy. We'll be watching the Stork column to see how good Ardel is at predicting the future.

Myron Stangler of Bremerton, Washington, patient on ward K-2, thinks he'll be able to go home in another month, and is happily looking forward to the day when he'll see his wife Peggy again. Meanwhile he's whiling away the time reading Taylor Caldwell's "This Side of Innocence."

On the bedside table of Jerry Schutz, patient on ward K-2, is a highly decorative photograph of a lovely blonde. The picture is signed "Georgina," and that isn't all that's written on it. But Jerry gets enough ribbing now from his pals about Georgina's message, so anyone who wants to know what she said will have to take a look for himself. Georgina is a member of the Masquers' Club, the group of players who put on shows at the Army "Y".

ON THE SPOT



LEO DIERKS, JR.
Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Leo A. Dierks, Jr., patient on ward E-1, was born in Kansas City, Mo., but since he came to California with his parents when he was only six years old, he considers himself practically a native son. He grew up and went to school in Oakland, and before he was in the Army, he and his father were in the doughnut business together, and he hopes to return to that occupation when he leaves the hospital.

His Army life began in September 1941, and he was at Camp Roberts, California, for two years as an Infantry Replacement Training Center instructor. He then spent eight months at Camp Blanding, Florida, again as an instructor, and as regards his opinion of Florida, he is definitely a Californian. Need more be said?

After a refresher course at Camp Maxey, Texas, Leo went overseas in November, 1944. He spent four months in France, and was in Germany with the 76th Division when he was wounded in March 1945, near Kimburgh. After hospitalization in Germany and France, he returned to the United States, and was at Halloran General Hospital and Dewitt General Hospital before coming to Letterman in November 1945.

His wife, Mary Ellen, and their son, Lynn, who is two-and-a-half, live in Oakland, and make frequent visits to the hospital.

Since Leo has been at Letterman, he has learned leatherwork and ceramics, and last Christmas made nearly all the family Christmas gifts himself. He likes to read, mostly historical novels, and is looking forward to the time when he'll be out of the hospital and able to indulge in his favorite diversion — camping.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Hannah Goldberg of Educational Reconditions was happily surprised one day this week with a super gift package from Japan. Super because it contained not one gift but four—a bottle of Tabu, a silk scarf, material for a silk dress, and a silk lounging coat. Hannah is now definitely back on the silk standard, and glad of it.

Bill O'Brien of Permanent Records acquired a nice facial sunburn while at Boulder Creek during the Gay Nineties celebration.

Hilda Mansfield of the PX Grill and her daughter, Kathleen, spent the week-end in Calistoga and Hilda reports a wonderful time.

It seems that Signe Anderson of the Chief Nurse's office spent her vacation living the life of a farmer in Medford, Oregon. Report has it that she indulged in all types of farm chores except milking the cow.

Pearl Alig of Personal Affairs is going in for jewelry design, and is wearing an attractive sequin lapel pin she made in the form of a jeweled crown.

Verne Shores of Civilian Personnel was seen the other day modeling a new black suit for two admiring friends.

Thanks to Ray V. Shine, head of civilian personnel, for furnishing us with this puzzler: Take your age; multiply by 2; add 5; multiply by 50; subtract 365; add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar; add 115. Result: the first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two are the amount of change in your pocket. To Helen Lund of Payroll goes the credit for figuring out how all this magic is performed. She knows the how and why of it. Mathematical tricks are duck soup for payroll experts.

Removing his shoes, he climbed the stairs, opened the door of the room, entered, and closed it after him without being detected. Just as he was about to get into bed, his wife half aroused from slumber, turned and sleepily said, "Is that you Fido?"

The husband, relating the rest of the story, said: "For once in my life I had real presence of mind. I licked her hand."

The first lie detector was made out of the rib of man. No improvement has ever been made on the original machine.

FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION SEE JULIE GETAS; SHE KNOWS ALL 48 STATES



Miss JULIE G. GETAS
New Assistant Manager, Letterman Main PX

The new assistant manager of the Main PX at Letterman, Miss Julie Getas, brings both a charming personality and a wealth of experience in merchandising to her new assignment. And she is no stranger to PX work, either, having spent nearly four years in Post Exchange work as a first lieutenant in the WAC.

Julie was born in San Francisco, and now lives here at the home of her parents. It is the first time in several years that she has stopped traveling. Before she joined the WAC she traveled in 42 states for the Walgreen stores, on a merchandising, advertising and purchasing assignment.

In July 1942, she joined the WAC, and was a member of the first group to receive basic training at Fort Des Moines. From there she went to the WAC training center at Daytona Beach, Fla., and later she attended the Army Exchange School at Princeton University. She traveled to various posts setting up and operating exchanges, and was at Camp Carson, Colo., Camp Hale, Colo., Fort Monroe, Va., and Front Royal, Va. She found her assignment at Front Royal the most in-

teresting, with 17 PX outlets. Besides, Front Royal was a remount depot, and she had an opportunity to indulge in her favorite pastime, horseback riding.

Julie wanted to go overseas, but it didn't work out that way, and she received her discharge in May 1946. She went back to Walgreen's, working in San Francisco, then took a vacation to go to South Carolina for her cousin's wedding, and to Florida—seems she just can't stop traveling. As a result, she has now been in every one of the 48 states. When she returned last March, she went to the Presidio PX, and this month transferred to Letterman to her present job as assistant manager.

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While Julie was at Fort Des Moines she was photographed for a WAC story which appeared in Life magazine.

One of her freetime occupations is needlework, and though she's reluctant to admit that she's "handy with the needle," she likes embroidery and sewing, and also does needlepoint.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery, a girl, **Marian Sadia**, born 13 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. George Taka, a girl, **Linda Mae**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 13 May.

To Major and Mrs. Elmer Hanson, a boy, **James Douglas**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 14 May.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Spence, a boy, **Stephen Bradley**, weight 6 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 15 May.

To Captain and Mrs. Max Bell, a girl, **Janet Elaine**, weight 7 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 16 May.

To Captain and Mrs. Rolland Bennett, a boy, **Richard Freeland**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 19 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Reno, a girl, **Kathryn Leah**, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 19 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, a girl, **Dorothy Ellen**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 18 May.

MORE ON CERAMICS

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has been here she has done some notable work in ceramics, and won a first prize recently at a San Mateo hobby show in which her work was exhibited.

The ceramics work of a number of Letterman patients was also exhibited at the hobby show, and 11 of the 19 first prizes offered were won by the patients. Last week the work of LGH patients was shown at Marine Exposition held at the Civic Auditorium here in San Francisco, and aroused much admiring comment.

Patients who have not yet tried their hand at ceramics are urged to use the facilities of the department any afternoon, Monday through Friday, bearing in mind that "anyone can model."

A singer, giving a rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home," noticed a man in the audience weeping copiously. Afterward she sought him out.

"I noticed sir," she said, "that you seemed very sentimental during my song. Are you a Kentuckian?"

"No, madam," he replied. "I'm a musician."

MORE ON MEMORIAL DAY

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South suddenly caught the imagination of the Nation.

In 1867 the women of Columbus, Miss., made a pilgrimage to the local cemeteries to decorate the graves of their war dead. When the women had finished beautifying the graves of their soldiers, they saw nearby the bare graves of the Northern soldiers. In contrast to the flowered Confederate graves, they looked cold, drab, and forgotten.

The women could not ignore the Union graves. Carefully they decorated them, too, and when they had finished there was nothing to distinguish the Union graves from the Confederate.

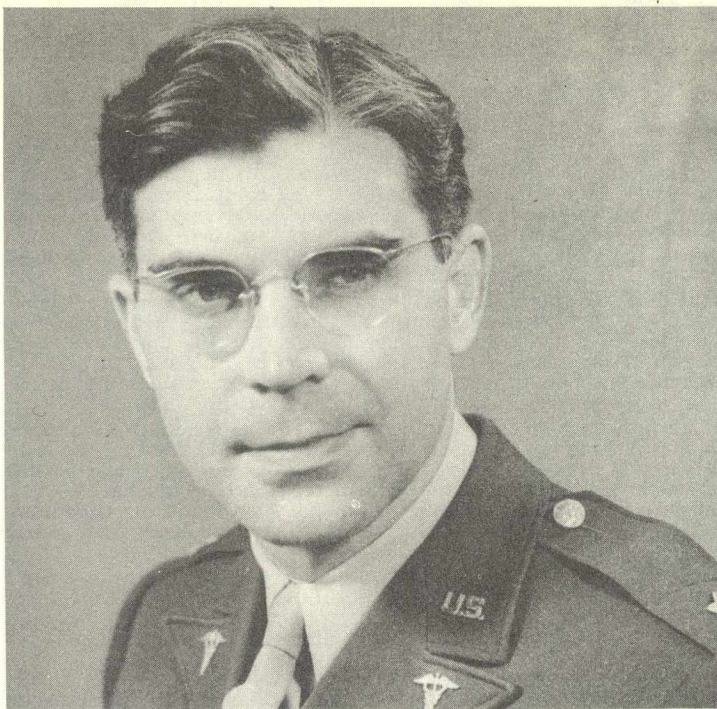
A correspondent of a northern newspaper observed this generous gesture and saw in it evidence that the deep wounds of the war in both North and South could be healed. "These women," he wrote to the New York Tribune, "have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to the memory of the dead. They strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers."

The story of the Mississippi women was reprinted in papers throughout the country, and their heart-warming gesture was celebrated in sermons, speeches, poems, and songs.

These deeds appealed to our Nation. In 1868, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union veterans' organization, ordered its members to observe 30 May as a special day. It would be a day, his order read, "for decorating the graves of the comrades who died in defense of their country . . . and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, or hamlet churchyard in the land."

From then on local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic sponsored "Decoration Day" ceremonies throughout the North. Similar ceremonies were held independently in the South. Gradually the legislatures of many States made the day a legal holiday.

In 1882 the original name of the holiday, Decoration Day, was changed to Memorial Day because the original name was not fully descriptive of the sentiment of the day. As the years have passed Memorial Day has become an occasion for saluting not only the military and naval dead of the Civil War but of all our wars.

HE SAW CAPRI, BUT IS MORE THAN WILLING TO SETTLE FOR CALIFORNIA

Lieut. Col. WALTER H. MATUSKA, MC
Assistant Chief, Surgical Service

Along with the professional qualifications for his duties as assistant chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, Lt. Col. Walter H. Matuska has an added qualification which is an asset in any profession—a sense of humor.

A native of Randolph, Nebraska, Colonel Matuska was reared in Pittsburg, Kansas, and attended Medical School at Washington University's School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, where he received his medical degree in 1941. He was later associated with a surgeon in Ohio for a number of years. Upon graduation from medical school he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, and came to active duty with the Army in April 1941.

He was at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as chief of the Surgical Service at the Station Hospital until ordered overseas in May 1943. His two years' overseas duty was in Naples, Italy, where he was in charge of the Surgical Service of the 118th Station Hospital. He returned to the United States in July 1945, and came to Letterman the following month. Last July, he received his commission in the Regular Army.

Colonel Matuska and his wife live

on Van Ness Avenue, at a distance to which he refers as "six minutes from the post, before the new stoplights were installed on Lombard Street, that is."

When questioned about hobbies and other diversions, Colonel Matuska replied firmly that he doesn't have hobbies, unless he counts chess, and he doesn't like to do that, because he regards it as a waste of time. Waste of time or not, he still likes to play chess. He also likes to lie in the California sun, "when it can be arranged—with the sun." He's an ardent baseball fan, and is planning to ask Lefty O'Doul to let him sit in the dugout one of these days, "as a medical consultant, if necessary."

When Colonel Matuska was in Italy, he saw and enjoyed the famous Bay of Naples, but says he still prefers the famous Bay of San Francisco. He also visited the Isle of Capri, and says that though the people there knew the tune of the song "Isle of Capri," no one could be found who knew the words. While at Capri he visited the home of Dr. Alex Hunthe, a previous medical visitor, and enjoyed seeing it but says he has no desire to follow in the footsteps of Dr. M.

AWARDS

At an informal ceremony held in the office of the Commanding General, Sixth Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Major General George P. Hays presented the medal for the Legion of Merit to Colonel Boyd L. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service at Letterman, for extraordinary performance of duty at Camp Carson, Colorado from 1942 to 1944, and the Bronze Star medal to Lieut. Colonel Wilbur C. Berry, of the Letterman Medical Service, for outstanding service in the Philippines from December 1941 to May 1942.

Colonel James G. Monihan, Chief of the Plans Division, G-3 section, Sixth Army, also received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Philippines from December 1941 to May 1942.

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for probational appointment to the position of Dietitian, grades P-1 to P-4, with salaries ranging from \$2,644 to \$4,902 a year. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Positions will be in hospitals in Washington, D. C., and in U. S. Public Health Service hospitals throughout the country.

The commission also has examinations scheduled for the following positions: Chief Laundryman, \$1.30 to \$1.42 an hour; First Laundryman, \$1.08 to \$1.35; Laundryman, .93 to \$1.24; Meat Cutter, \$1.18 to \$1.30; Head Hospital Baker, \$1.27 to \$1.55; Baker, \$1.18 to \$1.47; Housekeeper, \$1.06 to \$1.18; Maid, .94 to \$1.06; pantryman, \$1.06 to \$1.18.

Croix de Guerre

Master Sergeant Percy Carnes, 1st sergeant of the Detachment of Patients, received the Croix de Guerre this week from the French government. The decoration was given him for his services in France while serving as first sergeant of the Detachment of Patients with the 203d General Hospital there.

Here at Letterman M/Sgt. Carnes is well known for his photographic memory, and according to Major Manley Morrison, CO of the Detachment of Patients, he can be relied upon to furnish name, rank and serial number of patients even without recourse to the records.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Ten Million Alumni—Few people know the real facts behind correspondence study—the earnestness with which it is pursued, the extent of its effectiveness, its contributions to famous American successes and the success of correspondence study itself.

Most of us chuckle at the caricatures of the graduation exercises at the post office, or at a cartoon of the postman delivering a red apple to the desk of the correspondence instructor. But those who have laughed last include Walter P. Chrysler, Fred S. Duesenberg, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and hundreds of other nationally famous successful men. They had to go to work before completing their schooling and learned the technical part of their business by correspondence study at home under a kerosene or a gas lamp.

Several oil companies require that their filling station attendants take correspondence courses in "petroleum products salesmanship." Some life insurance companies will not take on a representative until he has pursued a course in salesmanship. Some automobile companies have turned to private home study schools for aid in training their entire sales organizations. One of the largest of them recently announced to its stockholders that the private home study school that was training its entire organization was doing a more thorough job than the company had been able to do itself and was also doing it at an annual saving to the company of a quarter of a million dollars.

Now no one claims, of course, that the completion of a correspondence course makes a moron into a mental giant—transforms a plodding mechanic into a Chrysler. The men who get ahead are those who have the spark of self-motivation and that inner desire to rise above the rabble.

No, there isn't much doubt about it, after all the laughter is over. Correspondence study is one of this country's big avenues for advancement.

Evening Courses!

The School of Insurance—Golden Gate College, 200 Golden Gate Avenue, announces an evening course in General Insurance for agents, brokers, and company personnel, beginning Monday, June 2, (also available by correspondence). This course has been approved by the Insurance Commissioner of California and for



POOL! POOL! POOL!—CHANDLER'S BEHIND 8-BALL

By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(AFPS)—Attacks against Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Slap-happy) Chandler no longer fall in the man-eats-dog category as news. Figuratively, and darn nigh literally, the ex-Kentucky senator is being pounded from pillar to post. The gag rule he attempted to impose on all and sundry who dissented to his booting Leo Durocher out of baseball for a year has boomeranged by provoking blasts from top sports writers all over the country.

An honored place among the literary classics produced in the popular practice of causticizing Chandler probably will be reserved by readers of Dan Parker's "Concrete Facts About Chandler's Swimming Pool." The New York Mirror ace sports columnist, in mid-May, gave the commissioner the gun in a big way. Or, switching to fencing terms, as an expose it merits more than a passing "Touche!"

The blue-tiled pool in the rear of Chandler's home in Versailles, Ky., is in the top secret class as far as authentic information about cost is concerned. Ben H. Collings, the contractor who built it as a "gift," said it cost him \$3,000. Another contractor said it would have cost him \$10,000 to build, if he had been able to get such materials as four tons of steel, not to mention such precious items as brass and rubber, during the war.

Details of the occasion for the "gift" are confusingly involved in war contracts. Parker represents Collings as having handled four contracts, one for \$1,745,150, and the claim is made that taxpayers might have been saved \$450,000 if a competitor's bid had been accepted. "Dangerous Dan," as barbed a columnist as there is in America when he deems the provocation proper, also throws in a line about precious materials being used "to make a pool for Chandler to splash around in during Kentucky's hot Summer, while our under-equipped troops were wallowing in blood."

After reporting his findings on a whitewash job done by a senate investigating committee, Parker mentions that the War Production Board later found there had been a violation of priorities rules in construction of the pool and dismissed the matter with a "Naughty, naughty!"

As a parting shot, Parker's column says:

"Then the Democratic machine of Kentucky sent Chandler back to the senate. To show his gratitude to the party Happy took a runout when the \$50,000 baseball job was offered to him, with the result that the Republicans were able to land his seat."

To which it seems appropriate to add that someone has been riding Happy's "seat" ever since.

BLOW TO TENNIS: One of those hair-trigger decisions which sometimes are difficult to appreciate and understand has deprived amateur tennis of much of its class. Suspension of Pauline Betz and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cook, on the allegation they were making overtures to turn pro, thereby forcing them into the professional ranks, is regretted by many.

In 1946 Miss Betz regained the crown she relinquished to Mrs. Cooke in 1945, after reigning for three years during which Sarah's main interest was an infant daughter. She did not compete in 1946 and Miss Doris Hart gave Miss Betz her stiffest test.

Miss Hart, a gallant and courageous competitor, is the heir-apparent to the tennis throne, but the Miami girl lacks both the skill and the photogenic appeal of the abdicated court queens. Florida admirers have raised \$1500 to finance her appearance in tournaments in England, Holland, France and Sweden this summer.

ARMY EVENTS: In carrying out its broad program of developing physical fitness, the Army has scheduled international competition in 14 different sports during the next few months. Plans of the Allied Forces Sports Council in Europe provide for international events in volleyball, basketball, swimming, sailing, tennis, golf, table tennis, track and field, boxing, skiing, skating, cross country and the Pentathlon (both military and modern). Col. Russell T. Finn, Chief of the Athletic Branch of Special Services, is working on arrangements with representatives of the armies of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland and Russia.

Veteran Training under the G. I. Bill. (also available by correspondence). The course includes preparation for Broker's and Salesman's examinations.

Real Estate—Golden Gate College, beginning Tuesday evening, June 3,

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Facilities for the rehabilitation and readjustment of veterans who lost their hearing in the service have recently been expanded by the San Francisco Regional office of the Veterans Administration.

There are approximately 1,200 hard-of-hearing veterans in Northern California whose disabilities were incurred in the service.

Every effort is made by the VA Special Rehabilitation Procedures Unit, Education and Training section to aid the hard-of-hearing veteran in his adjustment to a normal business and social life.

Veterans whose hearing is only partially impaired are equipped with special hearing aids. A special study is made of the veteran's case history, background, education and experience in order to help place him in a job that will not irritate or aggravate his disability and where his disability will not be a hindrance.

For those veterans who are totally deafened and hearing aids are of little or no use, the VA has made arrangements for special lip-reading and voice correction classes.

Hard-of-hearing veterans may take lip-reading lessons from the American Society for the Hard of Hearing, and the speech correction course is conducted by the Northern Section of the California Society for the Study of Speech Therapy.

The Speech Therapy society will conduct evening classes for veterans who are working. It is not necessary that hard-of-hearing veterans be enrolled in school or job training under the Rehabilitation act in order to take advantage of the speech correction or lip-reading services.

Veterans in need of the speech correction and lip-reading services are urged to utilize them as soon as possible because the sooner the training is started the more effective it will be, training officers pointed out.

Question: I receive a portion of my husband's compensation because we are separated. Am I entitled to a widow's pension at his death?

Answer: At the death of your husband you may be entitled to a widow's pension notwithstanding the separation, provided you are otherwise eligible.



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USAFI's Part In The New 'Army Career Plan'

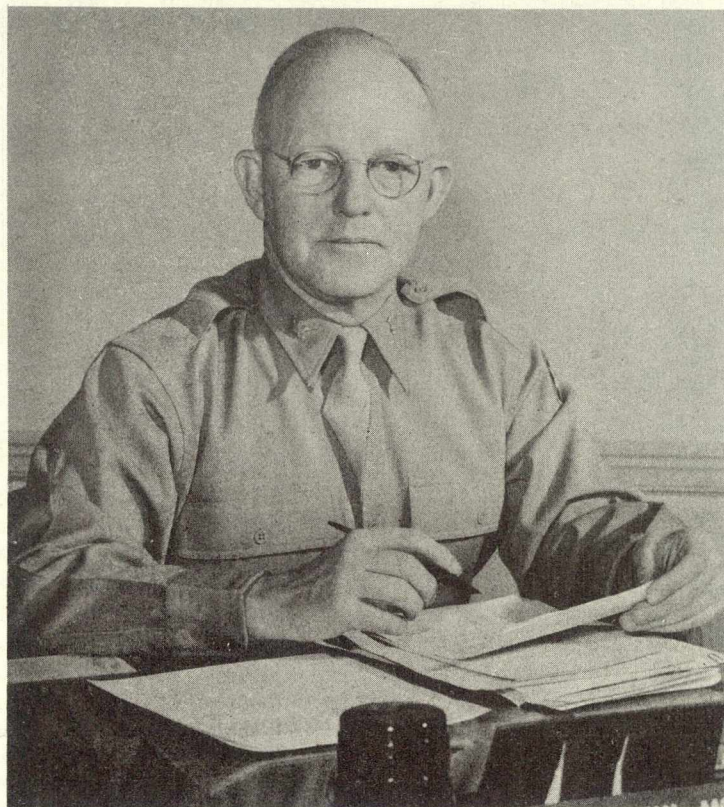
The many advantages of USAFI to military personnel in the new "Army career plan" were outlined this week by Major Merrill R. Stephan, Director of Field Services at USAFI headquarters, Madison, Wisconsin. Letterman is one of 26 GED test centers in the Army, and Major Stephan was here on a quarterly inspection trip.

"The wartime mission of the United States Armed Forces Institute, whereby military personnel were given an opportunity to continue their civilian education while in the service is gradually being supplanted by the peacetime mission of giving them an opportunity to increase their military efficiency by means of education," said Major Stephan.

USAFI is one of the first activities to be affected by the Army-Navy merger. It serves all the armed forces, and is operated by the Army on a War Department level, with weekly Army-Navy conferences for coordination purposes. In the Pacific area, USAFI courses are now prescribed as pre-requisite for Navy personnel who wish to qualify for examinations for ratings.

Many men in the Army who wish to attend Army specialized service schools find that they do not have the educational requirements. Through USAFI courses they can, by means of self-study, provide themselves with those requirements, and prove their readiness for specialized training through the medium of the General Educational Development tests.

At present the GED tests are given on both high school and college level. They are a comparatively new type of test developed through the



THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Colonel Dean F. Winn, MC., back at his desk after a tour of observation of the workings of the air evacuation unit of the Air Transport Command. The trip took him to the east coast and through Texas and included a brief tour of temporary duty in the Office of the Surgeon General in Washington.

Army by the American Council on Education.

Here at Letterman the man who wishes to take the GED test, either on high school or college subjects, may go to the Educational Reconditioning office building 1039, and arrange to take it, if he wishes, without preparatory study. Counsellors in Educational Reconditioning will give him information about the material covered in the tests and if he decides he needs prelim-

inary study, they will make suggestions regarding courses in accordance with his individual needs. This service is for both patients and duty personnel.

At present both the Army and the Navy are sending many men to civilian schools, and USAFI courses are being used to accelerate their educational progress.

USAFI offers 344 courses, all of which are kept up-to-date by re-

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Add 8,000 Officers Under Regular Army Integration Program

Plans to announce the names of approximately 8,000 successful candidates for commissions under the Second Regular Army Integration Program were made public by the War Department last week. Of this total, 99 officers will be commissioned in the Regular Army Medical Corps.

The second 1947 increment will be taken into the Regular Army the end of May. It will be made up of about 5,000 officers of the Air Corps, 1,000 officers of the Ground combat arms, and 2,000 Technical and Administrative officers. In the case of Air and Ground, these numbers represent about half the remaining requirements under the integration program. The Technical and Administrative Services will get about one-third of their remaining requirements in this increment, the shortage being due largely to the lack of candidates by commissions in the Medical Department.

The War Department announced recently opening of a three-month supplementary period for filing applications in certain medical specialties.

The May increment will bring to slightly more than 20,000 the number of officers integrated into the Regular Army since the first increment of June, 1946, when 9,800 were nominated for Regular commissions. About 950 officers were accepted later in 1946, and the first increment of the 1947 program, in January numbered over 1,800.

All officers and former officers of the Medical and Dental Corps of the Army will have until the end of July to apply for Regular Army commissions, the War Department announced last week.

Fishing Trips for LGH Patients and Duty Personnel

The waters of San Francisco bay and the tributaries thereto are a paradise for fishermen and it is no wonder that many of our patients spend a fair part of their leisure hours fishing from the pier at the Crissy Annex on the bay.

It just happened—maybe—that the Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, is no mean fisherman himself, and when he learned that the Transportation Corps had some surplus small craft destined for wet storage the general did something about it. His friend, Brigadier General Neal F. McKay, commanding general of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, has the surplus small craft, so the two generals got together and when the conference ended General McKay had loaned a boat for the exclusive use of the patients and duty personnel at Letterman.

General McKay went even further in his co-operation by directing his marine repair shops to put the boat in condition for its mission and General Kirk promised the funds to pay for the reconditioning and maintenance of the craft. On 15 May the boat went into commission and it fills the bill for the fishermen, thanks to a surgeon general who shares that title.

The boat is the L-101, a former U. S. Army mine-layer. It is 65 ft. in length, and has an 18-ft beam and 6-ft. draught. Gross tonnage is 61. It is equipped with a ship-to-shore radio system, by means of which those aboard can communicate with the Coast Guard or the telephone company, so that they can talk directly with Letterman if the necessity arises.

The boat docks at Crissy pier, and at night is berthed at Fort Baker. Lewis Ritlaw of San Francisco is the captain, and Walt Brunnegraff of San Francisco is the engineer. Two detachment men are assigned as deck hands: Corporal Robert C. Burnett and Private Henry G. Atkinson.

The L-101 carries 30 persons comfortably, according to Captain Stanley R. Ochocinsky, MAC, director of Convalescent Services Division, under whose supervision trips are conducted five days a week as a part of the Physical Reconditioning program at Letterman.

Trips around San Francisco Bay are made every day except Monday and Tuesday, and when the weather permits the boat also goes out-



LETTERMAN PATIENTS RELAX ABOARD THE L-101
Patients and duty personnel may sign up with Special Services for a fishing trip aboard the L-101, which makes five trips a week around the Bay and outside the Golden Gate.

side the Golden Gate. On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the boat is reserved exclusively for the use of patients. Duty personnel may go on the Sunday trips.

The boat leaves Crissy pier at 9 a. m. and returns at 3:30 p. m. Details of the trips are handled by Special Services Branch, under the direction of 1st Lieutenants Oliver M. Rajala and R. W. Lehman. Patients and duty personnel who wish to go on the trips should sign up in advance at the Special Services office, or phone extension 2525 to make arrangements.

The L-101 has been in operation at Letterman only a little more than a week, and is daily becoming more popular with patients and duty personnel. Fishing, food and fun are the order of the day.

There is plenty of fishing tackle aboard, and bait is also furnished. Box lunches are provided by the Dietetics Branch, and in addition, mid-morning and afternoon snacks are available for those whose appetites are whetted by the crisp Bay breezes. Naturally this includes everybody on board.

MORE ABOUT USAFI'S PART IN CAREER PLAN

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visions, with particular attention to the courses on technical subjects, so that the USAFI student knows that the material he is studying contains the latest developments on each particular subject.

Special attention is being given to language courses, since it is hoped that eventually every officer and enlisted man will become familiar with at least one other language in addition to his native tongue. The courses include not only the language itself, but also background material on the customs and cultural life of the coun-

A radio and record-player donated by the Hospitalized Veterans' Entertainment Committee furnishes musical diversion.

Those who sign up with Special Services for a fun-and-fishing day on the L-101 find there's never a dull moment, and so far everyone who's gone wants to go again for a repeat performance.

tries in which it is spoken.

The new "Army career plan" will include full utilization of USAFI services, and it is pointed out that the use of "after-hour" educational work to supplement the job is receiving increasing emphasis in the industrial world as well as in the Army.

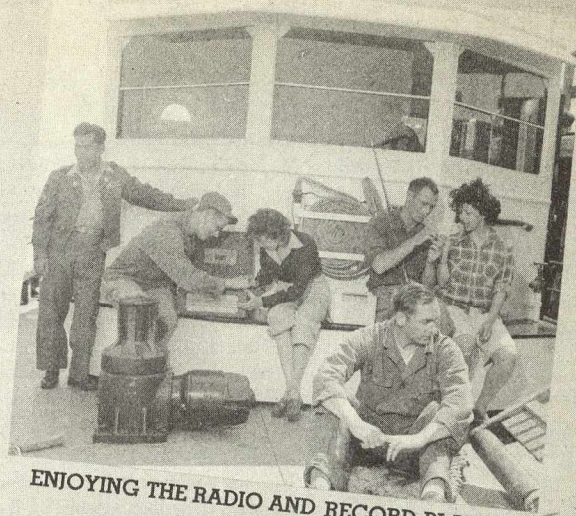
Several civilian industrial organizations are studying USAFI educational methods with a view to providing similar advantages for their employees. More than one such organization already has in operation a program of adult education for their personnel. These educational plans are not only for the purpose of increasing efficiency on specialized jobs. They stress general education as a means of general self-improvement for the individual.

Therefore the man in the Army, whether or not he intends to make the Army a career, cannot fail to benefit, in both military and civilian life, if he takes advantage of what USAFI has to offer.

Around the Bay with the L-101, Letterman's New Boat



WAITING FOR THE BIG ONES TO BITE



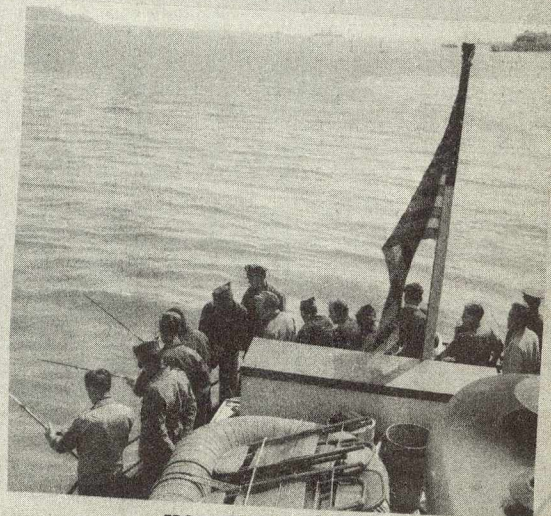
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COFFEE-TIME SNACK



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EDITORIAL

NATIONAL SAFETY

It is often said that Self Preservation is one of our strongest basic instincts; that, in every situation, man's unconscious reaction is to do the thing that will keep him from harm. Perhaps so. Yet each year private industry and public institutions find it necessary to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for the sole purpose of teaching man to protect himself.

The National Safety Council, with its staff of trained technicians, had long led the fight to reduce the needless waste of human lives and property that result from accidents. Having concentrated its efforts in the past largely on industrial accidents, this organization is now attacking the problem of off-the-job accidents, where the annual death toll, in home accidents alone, is about 33,000.

There is much to be done. The task of reducing the number of accidental deaths at home cannot even get started until most people recognize the problem and its seriousness. Each of us can have a hand in the solution of this problem, by looking carefully at our own surroundings to discover and correct hazardous conditions that may cause accidents resulting in serious injury or even death.—**Moffett News.**



Major Frances Henchey, ANC, formerly a confirmed earring-wearer (when in civilian clothes, of course) has about given up the decorative habit, because she keeps losing one earring and the casualties are costly. However, she ought to be able to introduce a new fad by combining the remaining singles and wearing assorted earrings. Think of the variety!

First Lieutenant Marie Miller, ANC, was welcomed to Letterman this week. Lieutenant Miller is from Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Lt. Col. Anna Andersen, ANC, who is now stationed at Fort Ord, visited friends at Letterman this week.

Four Letterman nurses were separated from the service last week and are now on their way to re-orient themselves in the matter of civilian life. They are: 1st Lieut. Louise Heintzenberger, 1st Lieut. Lucille A. Trivison, 1st Lieut. Flora Bosma and 1st Lieut. Natalie Walker.

Lieutenant Bernice Garrison, ANC, who is on duty on ward E-2, recently returned from a leave spent at her home in Los Angeles with her parents and her 9-month-old son, Loren Gary. She has been on duty at Letterman since January, and is one of those rare individuals whose home is in Los Angeles but who prefers San Francisco.

First Lieutenant Celeste Rousseau has gone home to Gardner, Massachusetts, on leave, and upon her return will leave for overseas duty in Yokohama.

Wedding Bells

Miss Delysia Bird of San Francisco became the bride of Major Christian Gronbeck, MC. of Letterman General Hospital on May 11 at the Presidio Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click. Miss Beatrice Bowman was maid of honor and Robert Haines acted as best man. Following the ceremony a wedding reception for more than 100 guests was held at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. After the reception Major and Mrs. Gronbeck left for a honeymoon in Southern California.

WAC

Seeing the midget auto races for the first time left Barbara Mostella with many a chill and thrill. She intends to go to see them again in the near future.

Taking advantage of the "fleet's in," Shelia Daugherty, Marjorie Burns, Jessie Pekarski, and Edith Altenburg boarded the Pasadena and partook of sugar cookies from the ship's galley (just like the army cookies, they sighed).

Going on a hunting trip into the peaceful sanctuary of Muir Woods was none other than Sally Craig with full Speed Graphic camera equipment. Sally shot some beauties—Cathedral Grove, knotted sections of the giant trunks of the stately trees . . . even the lowly black caterpillar is on official record. We'd like a showing of these, Sally.

Sue Burnett spent another unusual weekend with her friends in San Leandro to come back enthusiastic, but still in a fog concerning the Holy Ghost soup she described as beef broth and bones, plenty of all-spice and mint. This mixture is then poured over bread.

Shelia Daugherty and Caroline Fix spent part of the weekend enjoying the graceful 75-foot Canadian yacht which stole the show at the yacht regatta. Its smooth rhythmic lines and its glistening white made it one of the outstanding boats present. It can be stated neither of the girls would object to ownership of this boat—judging by the look in their eyes.

Enjoying the benefits of free beer, and plenty of it, along with potato salad, hot dogs and coffee, cokes and cold cuts, a large number of detachment members went to the NCO picnic dance given at McNair's Landing.

Missing this week from the orderly room was Violet Collings, who got that long-sought-after three-day pass and spent the time with her friend, Evelyn Frost, in Auburn, California.

Ann Laue and friends divided their time over the weekend between Monterey, Carmel and Santa Cruz. Ann says she enjoyed the trip immensely.

The sympathy of her co-workers at Letterman goes to Captain Virginia Breed, who is on emergency leave in Santa Monica due to the death of her father last week.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 1 June, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

California Has Third Largest Veteran Population

California, with 1,224,000 veterans of all wars, has the third largest veteran population among the 48 states, the Veterans Administration reported this week.

New York state is first with 1,870,000 veterans and Pennsylvania second with 1,291,000.

The total veteran population of the United States is 18,188,000 veterans. Of this number, 14,267,000 served in World War II and the remainder, 3,921,000, in the four prior wars and in the peace time forces.

The Washington, D. C., office of the Veterans Administration estimates there are 890,000 veterans of World War II in California and 334,000 veterans of other wars.

The Branch 12 area of VA, with headquarters in San Francisco, includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. The total veteran population of the area is 1,359,000. Arizona has 78,000, Nevada 25,000 and Hawaii 32,000.

The VA report shows that more than 100,000 veterans live in Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii and Puerto Rico and some 50,000 live in foreign countries, exclusive of the Philippines, where 18,000 are reported.

VA explained that the 18,000 for the Philippines excludes many former soliders for whom no official Army separation records exist.

United States citizens who served only in the Allied military forces are omitted from the tabulation, although some are eligible for various VA benefits. VA said the number of these veterans cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ANNA I. CHRISTENSEN
Technician Fifth Grade

Corporal Anna Iva Christensen, the vivacious red-haired WAC who was called upon recently to pinch-hit for a missing member of the team that modeled the new Army uniforms at Letterman, is now on her second tour of duty at Letterman. She says that being in the Army fashion show was fun, although she didn't get to wear one of the new uniforms; she modeled the present WAC uniform.

When at home in Salina, Utah, Corporal Christensen is always known as Iva ("I don't even answer to Anna," she says), but in the Army her nickname is "Chris." She has two brothers and a sister, all of whom were in the Army. "We're definitely an Army family," she says. She has two small nephews and a 5-month-old niece, and says they're her major hobby.

Before she joined the WAC, Chris made parachutes, and found it complicated but interesting. She came into the Army in November 1944, and after finishing basic training at Des Moines, was sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Her proving was done with the Technical Information Branch, and it was proving she could keep secrets, because the information with which she dealt was strictly confidential. This assignment was followed by temporary duty in the Mojave Desert, at Muroc, and involved more secret operations.

She came to Letterman in November 1945, and worked in the Orthopedic Limb and Brace Shop, making surgical belts. She received her discharge in August, 1946, and was a civilian for eight months, but when a recruiting officer asked if she'd like to re-enlist and go to Germany, she decided to become a WAC again. Since three months duty in the States is necessary before the over-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

A discussion group on current affairs got under way on ward E-1 last Thursday evening, when a group of patients gathered there to hear **Ed Radenzell**, telegraph editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, talk on the subject "What's This Talk About War with Russia?" Mr. Radenzell was accompanied by **Jack Wallace** and **Billie Lou Jauncey**, also of the Chronicle. Following the talk the patients joined in a general discussion on the subject. The patients who took part came from various wards, and included **Walter R. Howes**, **Leo Dierks**, **Sidney Hosking**, **John Muson**, **Ira Lauderman**, **Walter Reed**, **James McGill**, **Robert Brooks**, **Dominick Grecco**, **George Carey** and **Norman Herman**. The patients expressed their appreciation to Mrs. **Lois Moran Young**, Red Cross coordinator, for arranging for the speaker, and invited other patients who are interested in joining the group to be present next Thursday evening, 5 June, at 7 p. m., when the group meets again.

They say that **Allan Marcus** of ward E-1 is a whiz at picking the winning horses. Some remote control system, no doubt, since at present he can't go to the track in person.

The lucky patients who cashed in on the two USAFI Quiz shows this week, and got a silver dollar for their correct answers were: **M. O. Vauhnus**, **Jack Molbury**, **Marshall Rothrock**, **Cyril Buck**, **Emil J. Sandy**, **Louis A. Ezzell**, **Tom A. Stewart**, **Fred F. Moorehead**, **Frank Flores**, **Jay Blum**, **Edward Schulz**, **John D. Hill**, **Waymon C. Toney**, **E. H. Buckley**, **R. E. Daniel**, **Eddie Davis**, **Charles Kinns**, **George D. Lyons**, **Samuel L. Tate**, **Julian Ramirez**, **Pete Di Loreto**, **Lee Clingman**.

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club enjoyed a talk by **Mr. Sander-son** at their meeting last Tuesday.

seas assignment, Chris asked for Letterman, and is back on the job in the Orthopedic Shop. She's looking forward hopefully to that trip to Germany, if and when.

She likes sun baths, horseback riding, cooking, sewing and reading. In the latter the special emphasis is on mysteries, and she's now an expert on guessing "whodunit."

He spoke of building up stamp collections with an eye to a knowledge of the history of the country, and gave the patients some interesting research material. The talk was followed by a stamp quiz conducted by **Dick Grant** and **Paul Weinhold**.

Group Captain D. Bader, Royal Air Force veteran, who is now with Shell Petroleum of London, England, visited the patients on ward 42 last week. Captain Bader, who lost both legs in an accident in 1931, flew spitfire planes in World War II in spite of his handicap, and was a prisoner of the Germans for nearly four years, after bailing out over Germany. When he bailed out he lost one of what he calls his "tin legs." He was permitted to send word to England that he needed a replacement, and on a subsequent bombing raid the British dropped a new prostheses for him. He demonstrated to the amputee patients here his proficiency in the use of his prostheses, and urged them to participate in as many sports and activities as possible. While here he also visited the Marina Golf School, and showed the patients taking lessons there what he can do in golf. He usually goes around in the low eighties.

Bikini's Soil Yields
Powerful TB Drug

Philadelphia (AFPS) — A new drug, found to be twice as powerful as streptomycin in checking tuberculosis, is the yield of Bikini Atoll's soil, says Dr. Donald B. Johnstone of the N. J. Agricultural Experimental Station at New Brunswick. Bikini was the scene of last year's atomic bomb blasts.

The germ-inhibiting properties of the Bikini soil, however, have nothing to do with atomic energy. Such soil may "exist in a thousand other places," Dr. Johnstone explained, adding that he happened to find it on Bikini while there as a scientific observer of "Operation Crossroads."

Reporting the discovery to the Society of American Bacteriologists, he said the new drug, called "streptomycetes II—bikinensis," inhibits the growth of many bacteria. Tests made on chick embryos indicate it is non-poisonous but Dr. Johnstone did not claim to have used it successfully on human beings.

ON THE SPOT



SIDNEY HOSKING, JR.
Technical Sergeant

Three days after high school commencement, T/Sgt Sidney Hosking, Jr., was commencing something entirely different—life in the Army. In June 1943 he went to Camp Hood, Texas, for basic Infantry training, and following that was sent to New York University for Army Specialized Training courses in engineering subjects. After six months this training was discontinued and Sergeant Hosking went to Camp Carson, Colorado, for overseas training.

He arrived in France in September 1944, and served with the 104th Infantry Division in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. In February 1945, near the Roer River in Germany, he was wounded by mortar shrapnel which broke his leg in three places. He was hospitalized in England for three months, then returned to the United States in June, going to DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn, California. He remained there until DeWitt closed, and came to Letterman in December. "And I guess I still have quite a while to go in the hospital," he says.

He has been well enough to go home to Bakersfield on furlough three or four times, to visit his parents, and they get up here to see him occasionally. He is making good use of his leisure time in the hospital by studying. In his last year at high school he became interested in sports writing, and he is planning to go to college when he leaves the hospital. He hopes to graduate from Stanford, but will probably begin his studies at a smaller school. Meanwhile he is taking extension courses at the University of California, and is currently taking a writing course.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Stella Jackson of the Laboratory is currently a casualty of an automobile accident, having suffered a broken ankle when the car in which she was riding home from work collided with a street car. Her ankle will be in a cast for six weeks, of which there are still three to go. She wants to be remembered to her friends at the hospital, and says she misses them a lot. Her address is 680 Lakeview Avenue, San Francisco 12, if you want to say hello to her by mail.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office was so busy watching the baseball game, and so disappointed when the Seals lost the other day that she didn't notice how much sunburn she was accumulating. But it's there—in the form of a permanent blush.

Dot Beach, Detachment of Patients, is back at work after a honeymoon spent in Kentucky. Says Kentucky was very nice, but that California has first place in her heart.

George W. Hansen, Laundry, spent a week up at Feather River, trout fishing. What, fishing, and with no stories to tell? I say, old chap!

Lillian Robinett is very proud of her husband. He was recently appointed head football coach at the Salinas Junior College.

Helen Hoffman, Reconditioning, has a new hairdo, which involved cutting her hair, and it is very becoming.

Esther Kleinclaus doesn't look like the same person; in fact, we are wondering if she is—with her new hair do.

Retribution: Lillian Jones has been going to the dentist for months. Then on Sunday, while she was eating a piece of candy, she broke a tooth. What's more, her dentist is out of town and she will have to wait for repair work. Must be extra trying to work in the Dental Clinic under these circumstances.

Christine Boyette, formerly of Military Personnel, is the proud mother of a baby boy.

Henry Cleary, who has been entertaining extensively since his apartment was redecorated, found himself obliged to stop this activity while he toiled early and late with the Manpower Board last week. He is now ready to resume more frivolous pursuits.

'GINNY' KNOWS ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF THE OUT-PATIENT SERVICE



Miss VIRGINIA De TRANA
Secretary-Supervisor, Out-Patient Service

If you want to know where any doctor on the Out-Patient staff is at any given moment, you have only to contact Miss Virginia de Trana, the girl with the engaging smile and soft voice, who sits just outside Colonel Leonard Swanson's office. She knows all the ins and outs of Out-Patient Service, that place of constant ins and outs.

Virginia, who is also known as Ginny, is the civilian supervisor of the Out-Patient Service office, as well as secretary to Colonel Swanson. She came to California from her home in Chicago with her sister Celia in September 1944. Celia came on a Red Cross assignment at Treasure Island, and Ginny came along for exploration purposes.

She wanted to do hospital work, and after seeing the Presidio, she wanted the hospital to be Letterman. In Chicago she had worked in private industry after completing studies at Northwestern University, and had learned medical secretarial work by helping her two brothers, who are doctors. Result: She applied for a job at LGH, and was assigned to Out-Patient Service, where she has been ever since and where she enjoys the variety of her

work and the people she has as co-workers.

She especially likes working here because of the beauty of the surroundings, she says, and feels as though she's in the grounds of a country club when she comes in in the morning along paths bordered by fragrant new-mown grass. She has an apartment in downtown San Francisco, which she likes for its convenience to the theatres and restaurants. Her mother and sister visited her last summer and tried to persuade her to return home with them to Chicago, but she has come to like San Francisco so much that she wants to stay here. "Living here is like a continual vacation," says Ginny, "you never have to worry about cold weather."

Ginny likes dinner-dancing, the theatre, operas, and movies. She likes to cook, too, and experiment with new dishes. She enjoys reading, and has the kind of inquiring mind that causes her to spend a good deal of time in the library, looking up material on subjects in which she is interested. Next on her reading list is Gertrude Ather-ton's "My San Francisco," and after that, no doubt she'll really be a confirmed San Franciscan.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul R. Hanusiak, a girl, **Paulette**, weight 5 pounds and 4 ounces, born 21 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Amil Del Biaggio, a boy, **Charles Heeb**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 23 May.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. George Salata, a boy, **George Michael, Jr.**, born 23 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank Crichton, a boy, **William John**, weight 5 pounds and 2 ounces, born 23 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Medrick Schwenka, a boy, **Ronald Steve**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 23 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Fayette Barton, a boy, **Fayette Ray, Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 23 May.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Martin Megica, a girl, **Judith Lynne**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 23 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson C. Gagnon, a girl, **Susan Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 24 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. William Murphy, a girl, **Delores Ernestine**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 24 May.

Pvt.: "Doesn't this dance make you wish for another?"

Gal: "Yeah, but he doesn't rate a pass tonight."

Souvenir Firearms Must Be Registered

Washington (AFPS)—Former servicemen who possess "killer-type" souvenir firearms are required under the National Firearms Act to register such fully-automatic weapons with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U.S. Treasury Department, Wash., D. C.

Failure to comply with the Firearms Act may result in a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or imprisonment not to exceed five years, or both, the Department ruled.

Among the deadly weapons listed by the Internal Revenue Bureau are machine guns, machine pistols, rifles and shotguns with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, and revolvers or pistols with accompanying shoulder stocks.

In addition, mufflers or silencers for any firearm are prohibited.

Homestead Highlights

Newton, Mass. (AFPS)—A book taken from the public library here 31 years ago was recently returned by a middle-aged man who wouldn't give his name. The book: "The Story of a Bad Boy."

Chicago (AFPS)—Patrolman Edward O'Mallery asked fellow officers to aid him find his car. Embarrassed, he said he had not obtained 1947 license plates because he expected a new car soon.

Portland, Oreg. (AFPS)—Andrew Timmer has been tossing and worrying about travelers' baggage at Union Station for more than 40 years. He's about to retire and friends say they will present him with what he wants most—a set of luggage.

Los Angeles (AFPS)—Bert Morse, local dog-warden at the animal shelter, lost his dog. For years he had admonished owners to keep photos of their pets to facilitate the hunt. But he had failed to get a snapshot of his dog.

Northfield, N. J. (AFPS)—Altar-bound couples for the first time in 23 years no longer are required to go first to the local insane asylum. Dr. Edward Guion, former City Registrar and asylum director, had been issuing marriage licenses there. A newly appointed registrar, Mrs. Helen Rise, will issue them at the City Hall.

Philadelphia (AFPS)—An unknown thief crept to Mrs. Joseph Martin's house, tied her \$125 cameo locket, stolen eight years ago, to the doorknob with an unsigned explanatory note: "I'm sorry."

Baton Rouge, La. (AFPS)—A thief who attempted to crack the safe in the office of a building supply company here not only left his fingerprints, but the fingers also. The safe apparently pinched the thief's fingertips off when it overturned.

Tipton, Ia. (AFPS)—Unattended and unmourned, the body of Oliver Moan, 65, widely known as "Hairbreadth Harry," "King of the Hoboes," was buried in St. Mary's cemetery here. Tipton was the "King's" regular stop on his annual pilgrimage to the middle-west.

Schenectady, N. Y. (AFPS)—Simon Etkin, City Clerk, reported that a man who obtained a marriage license recently returned an hour later wanting his money back. Etkin refunded the \$2 fee after the prospective groom explained that an expected job had failed to materialize.

Harrison, N. Y. (AFPS)—Elders of this town were sure that 752 feet of sewer had been dug in a certain spot in 1913. When they finally got around to investigating it, (in 1947) they found that man-hole covers along the supposed sewer route were dummies. Officials said those responsible for the fraud had been dead for years.

RABBI KUMIN LEAVES THIS WEEK FOR NEW ASSIGNMENT IN HONOLULU



Rabbi EMANUEL KUMIN
Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain, LGH

Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, who has served Letterman as auxiliary Jewish chaplain since December 1944, is leaving this week for Honolulu on a new assignment. He will be territorial director for the National Jewish Welfare Board, with headquarters in Honolulu. His new work will include the following duties: Director, Jewish Welfare Board Army & Navy Club; auxiliary chaplain, Army and Navy installations; Rabbi, Honolulu Jewish Community.

He recently returned from a trip to the Islands in which he made a survey of religious needs. Rabbi Kumin has been affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board since August 1942, and during the time he has been auxiliary chaplain at Letterman he has also served the following Army and Navy installations: the Presidio, Dibble General Hospital, U. S. Naval Hospitals at Treasure Island, Mare Island and Oakland, and the Veteran's Administration hospitals at Palo Alto, Fort Miley, Oakland and Livermore.

Rabbi Kumin was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and received his secular education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, the City College of New York, New York University,

and Syracuse University. He was graduated from the Talmudical Academy and Yeshiva University, New York City, and pursued his rabbinical studies at Yeshiva Torah V'Daas, Yeshiva Tiferes Jerusalem, Teachers' Institute, Yeshiva College, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yavna Theological Seminary, all in New York City.

Following his ordination in New York in 1934, he was Director of Religious Education at Temple Beth El in Utica, N. Y. Subsequent assignments before his affiliation with the National Jewish Welfare Board were as Rabbi, Temple Beth Joseph, Herkimer, N. Y., USO State Director for Oklahoma and auxiliary Jewish chaplain at Glennan General Hospital, Okmulgee, Okla.

Since coming to California he has been active in organizing community agencies, organizations and individuals for the service of hospitalized veterans, and he was instrumental in bringing to Letterman and other military hospitals many entertainment and recreational programs. He has also performed counseling and personal service for the patients.

Rabbi Kumin's wife Mollie and their three sons will accompany him to Honolulu.

Analysis Team Here to Study Military Duties

A War Department manpower utilization team is now at Letterman conducting a study of military jobs as part of a long-range research program being carried on by the Adjutant General for the Director of Personnel and Administration, War Department General Staff.

The team of ten is headed by Captain James W. Rowe, PC, who has as his assistant Captain Leonard C. Barry, PC. Enlisted personnel on the team include Master Sergeant L. L. Lee of Letterman General Hospital, and M/Sgt James W. White, M/Sgt Geo. W. Redd, 1/Sgt. Samuel Paperno, 1/Sgt. George W. Hill, 1st Sgt. Allred Lindley, S/Sgt Leon L. Caplan, T/Sgt. A. Burdick.

Purpose of the study is to develop a system of classifying utilization of the nation's manpower for national defense. As information about the duties and qualifications of jobs is assembled, it will be analyzed to determine what aptitudes are needed for the successful learning of duties; what training programs should be established and what standards of qualification in military occupational specialties should be set up.

The team does not analyze the work or efficiency of personnel; it is the job itself which is being analyzed. Each type of job now being performed in the various divisions at Letterman is being studied. It is expected that the survey here will be completed early in June, after which the team will move to another medical installation to continue the research.

Promotions

From 1st Lieutenant to Captain: John K. Laws, MC; Tom M. Nash, MC.

From 2d Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant: George Comfort, MAC.

African Hunter: "While wandering around a native village I spotted a leopard."

Sweet Young Thing: "Don't be silly—they grow that way."

Then there's the story of a little boy who returned from his first Sunday School class. When his mother asked him what he had learned he replied: "Oh, all about the ten commandos."



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(AFPS)—Prior to the opening of the 1947 baseball season, in common with sports scribes throughout the country, we fell folly to the annual weakness of listing the order in which teams would/should finish in the major league. The crazyquilt pattern of campaigning to date is giving us the blind staggers.

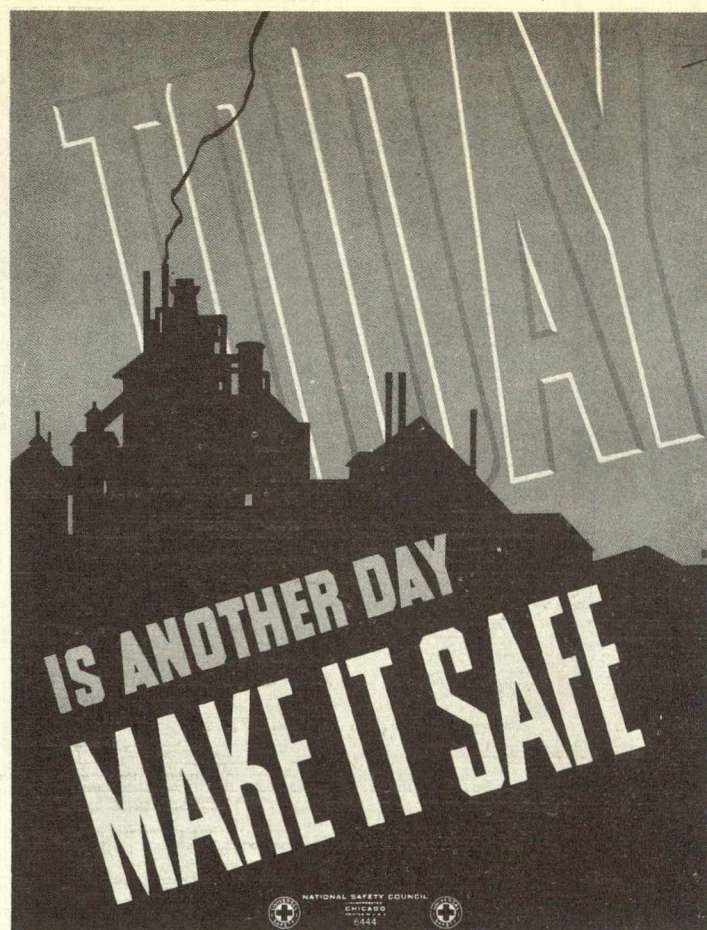
In the American League we picked Boston to repeat, with Detroit and New York pressing closely. Cleveland and Washington drew our nomination to fight it out for the first-division berth, trailed by Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

The National League looked like a soft touch. How could the Cards fail? Or the Dodgers miss the runner-up spot? Without hesitation we named Chicago and Boston to finish third and fourth. Pittsburgh, New York and Philadelphia dropped naturally into the next three slots. That left only the cellar for Cincinnati.

Stubbornly, we are sticking by our pre-season predictions, except that we would like to hedge a little by conceding the Giants a good possibility to finish in, and the Dodgers to finish out of, the first division. Otherwise we stand pat. Well, maybe we'd like to crawl back a bit off the limb in going for the Red Sox, too. Those Detroit Tigers look formidable.

Hal Newhouser has been the big disappointment to the Tigers at this writing. Pat Mullin is making Motor City fans forget about the loss of Hank Greenberg to the Pirates. We still like Newhouser to finish in the 20-game winner class for the fourth consecutive season. Dizzy Trout, Virgil Trucks, Freddy Hutchinson and Al Benton are other mainstays in the best pitching staff in the majors. Hoot Evers and Dick Wakefield, like Mullins, are doing all right in the outfield.

The Red Sox are worried at this stage about their pitching. The hitters are coming through all right, even though the use of the Williams' shift is robbing Thumping Ted of many base hits. Yankee officials reported that the shift had choked off seven blows that otherwise



would have gone for hits in the first six games with the Sox this year. Pitchers Dave Ferris, Tex Hughson, Joe Dobson and Mickey Harris, supported by newcomer Tom Fine, hold much of the Bosox hopes in their hurling arms.

You can't sell the Yanks short, either. Their pitching has been good, Joe DiMaggio is sound again, George McQuinn is doing well at first, and Tommy Henrich is a handy-andy fellow for either infield or outfield duty. Cleveland, with former Yankee Joe Gordon playing some of the best baseball of his brilliant career, definitely rates as a first division club. Connie Mack, at 84, has come up with the best A's team in years.

In the national League the mysterious collapse of the Cards has not shaken our confidence in Eddie Dyer's crew. As the season progresses we believe the Redbirds will climb to the top of the circuit while the Dodgers, Cubs, Giants, Pirates, Braves and Phillies take turns beating each other's brains out. All in all, it stacks up as potentially the best seven-team race in many years. We still say the Cincinnati Reds are

slated for sorry days.

Mel Ott, veteran manager of the Giants, seems to have come up with the biggest surprise package of the senior circuit. After bogging down badly for the first two weeks of the campaign, the Ottman caught fire. Big John Mize and Willard Marshall head an array of sluggers who can break up a ball game in a hurry.

Billy Southworth, widely acclaimed as the best all-around manager in baseball, has assembled the strongest array of Braves in more than a decade. Should Mort Cooper regain his winning ways, Southworth would have a good hurling corps built around Johnny Sain, a 20-game winner in 1946. Earl Torgeson's terrific hitting has strengthened an offensive punch entitled to respect of all opponents.

In Pittsburgh, Billy Herman has the Pirates thinking in terms of pennants also. Like Manager Ben Chapman of the Phillies, he believes the bad start of the Cards and the slump of the Dodgers gives every team a chance at the title. And in Chicago, Manager Charlie Grimm's Cubs, relieved thus far of the dis-

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"June is busting out all over"—June, among other things, is the month of graduations—from grammar schools, junior high schools, high schools and colleges, students will be receiving their sheepskins.

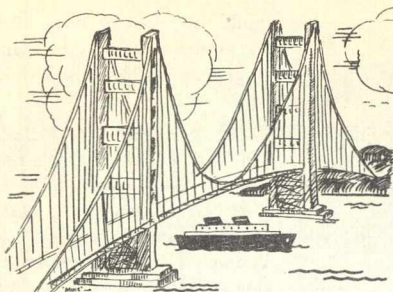
Students are even graduating from their hospital beds, and GI's who are thousands of miles from their homes will be on the graduating list from their own high schools. Others will be receiving Veterans' Diplomas or Equivalency Certificates. USAFI has made this possible—by offering courses of study for GI's who are still in the service, both self-teaching courses and correspondence courses for which credits are granted toward high school graduation.

Of course this doesn't mean that the education of even the college graduate will cease. Education is a phase of the old American itch for self-betterment. Like democracy, education is incomplete unless it is increasingly practical. Education is the bootstrap lifter which causes people to wish for better things—and then to get them. The businessman and the liberal educator are on common ground here. Both desire education to be functional in the high sense of satisfying human aspirations. The demonstrated creativeness of educated workers gives good material things to the nation and stores up a solid inheritance in leisure and comfort for generations to come.

The youngster seeking a business job can't properly complain any more that a college education cost too much. There are 563 public and semi-public colleges throughout the country, so lack of funds is not a real hindrance to ambition. Scholarships and self-support opportunities are there for a boy or girl eager to seize the advantages.

Don't miss the educational opportunities that are offered through USAFI—drop in the E/R Office, Bldg. 1039, for a list of the high school, technical and college level courses that are offered—be prepared to jump right into the harness when the time does come to go back to school, or to continue in your education.

heartening succession of injuries which handicapped them all last season, are aiming at the gonfalon they last captured in 1945.



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Hospital Ship "Mercy" Brings 400 Patients to LGH

More than 400 patients from overseas arrived at Letterman last week when the Army hospital ship "Mercy" docked at Fort Mason after a trip from Manila, Okinawa and Yokohama. The patients were brought to the debarkation unit at Crissy Annex.

Only seven of the 408 patients are to remain at Letterman for definitive treatment; the others are being sent to hospitals near their homes. About 100 left by Air Transport Command from Fairfield on Thursday, going to Oliver, Murphy, Madigan and Army-Navy General Hospitals. The remaining 300 left by hospital train today. A seven-car train went to Brooke General Hospital, and an eight-car train left for the East, taking patients to Tilton, Fitzsimmons, Percy Jones and Walter Reed General Hospitals.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., Mc, officer-in-charge of the Hospital Train Unit, points out that patients are processed at the debarkation center and sent on their way to other hospitals in from five to seven days after arrival here.

During the time the patients are here, the facilities of Crissy Annex are at their disposal. These include the theatre, where films are shown every night, the service club, the recreation room, equipped with phone booths for long distance calls home, the game room, the PX and the restaurant.

The trains which take the pa-

Note of Thanks

My four-year tour of duty as Surgeon General ends and I cannot let pass this opportunity to thank the personnel of the Medical Department for the fine spirit of cooperation I have enjoyed during my tenure of office.

The record of the Medical Department in World War II is one in which we can all take pride and this record was the result of your contribution and that of others like you.

My kindest personal regards always.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN T. KIRK
Major General
The Surgeon General

tients to other hospitals have 38 beds in each car, including two compartments containing one bed each. Medical Corps officers and nurses are on the trains to care for the patients, and a Red Cross worker provides recreational activities.

During the trip the patients are served hot meals prepared in the kitchen car which is attached to each train. Each train also carries a baggage car.

At present Colonel Whitfield and four other Medical Corps officers

are assigned to the Hospital Train Unit. They are Captain Raymond A. Reid, MC; Lieutenant Bernard J. Schuman, MC; Lieutenant Frank Pederson, Mc, and Lieutenant Jean Fox, MC.

Seven members of the Army Nurse Corps are on hospital train duty: Major Josephine H. Balestra, Chief Nurse; Captain Elizabeth N. Johnson, her assistant; Captain Mary G. Lohr, and First Lieutenants Anne M. Rattigan, Rose M. Marksman, Cesidia Lombardi, Mabel Herndon.

General Bliss Takes Oath Of Office

At a formal ceremony held in the office of the Surgeon General on Monday morning last Major General Raymond W. Bliss was sworn in to assume the head post of the Army Medical Department. The oath was administered by Major General Edward F. Whitsell, the Adjutant General of the Army, in the presence of Mrs. Bliss, Major General and Mrs. Norman T. Kirk, the chiefs of all the Technical Services of the War Department, the section chiefs of the Surgeon General's Office, and a group of friends.

The office was banked with floral tributes sent by well wishers and included a large floral piece presented by General and Mrs. Kirk.

General Bliss is unusually well qualified for his new office as he has been closely associated with the former Surgeon General for the past four years. When General Kirk became Surgeon General in June 1943 he brought General Bliss from the headquarters of the first Army to Washington and appointed him Assistant Surgeon General. When General George F. Lull retired in January of last year, General Bliss was upped to Deputy Surgeon General, a post he filled until his appointment to be the Surgeon General of the Army.

At an informal ceremony held on Sunday morning Brigadier General George E. Armstrong was sworn in as the Deputy Surgeon General with General Witsell administering the oath.

LGH Says Reluctant Good-Bye to Mrs. Lois Moran Young

When Mrs. Lois Moran Young, who all during the war years and since that time has given devoted service to Letterman as co-ordinator for the Red Cross, moves to Washington, D. C., this month, LGH patients will miss a loyal friend who has been instrumental in arranging many events for their pleasure.

During the war Mrs. Young was responsible for the visits of many of the celebrities of stage, screen and radio who came to Letterman to talk with and put on shows for the patients, and since that time she has been equally active.

Latest project for the patients for which she arranged the details was the current daily broadcast of major league baseball games over Letterman's radio station KLGH. The broadcasts began during May and will continue all during the baseball season.

She also obtained speakers for the current events discussion group that began twice-monthly meetings last week on ward E-1. All patients interested are invited to join the group, which meets on alternate Thursday evenings on E-1 at 7 p. m.

She has been tireless in working to obtain for the patients speakers and entertainment upon their request as well as upon her own initiative.

Mrs. Young is well known for her own accomplishments in three entertainment media—stage, screen and radio. As Lois Moran, she began her stage career in France at the age of 12, and later scored spectacular successes both in the United States and abroad.

"Even when I was a small child I wanted to go on the stage," says Mrs. Young. "I don't know just why, because we were a family of lawyers, and didn't even have any acquaintances in the world of the theatre. But I wanted to be a dancer or an actress. My mother encouraged me, and saw to it that I had dancing lessons. I was very shy, but I knew I would have to get over that if I wanted to realize my ambitions."

She was born in Pittsburgh, and lived there until she was ten years old. Then the Morans moved to New York City, and shortly afterwards to Europe, where they made their home in Paris, but also traveled in Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. It was difficult to solve the problem of education for Lois, because with so much moving about



Mrs. LOIS MORAN YOUNG
Loyal friend of Letterman patients, who is moving to Washington, D. C., this month.

she could not stay in one school for any length of time, but the problem was solved by having a tutor to give her lessons at home.

One evening the family attended the opera in Paris and went backstage after the performance. Lois summoned up her courage and asked the maitre de ballet if he needed another dancer.

"I danced for him, and was hired," she says, "I got 40 francs a night, about \$2.00 in American money. While I was with the ballet, I spent about five hours a day dancing."

The engagement with the ballet had an unexpected result. A French movie studio got in touch with her after seeing some photographs of her. They wanted her to star in a French film. Lois was only 12 at the time, and when they saw her in person, they decided she was too young. However, they made a screen test.

"I wore a black wig, to make me look older," she says, "and that did

the trick. I got the role, acting opposite a Russian star, and we went on location to Spain to make the picture. After that I had roles in several French films."

Shortly afterward Lois, then back in the United States, heard that Sam Goldwyn, in Hollywood, was looking for a Juliet for "Romeo and Juliet," and that he wanted someone the actual age of Shakespeare's heroine—14—to play the part. She sent pictures of herself, and he called her and gave her a screen test. He abandoned the idea of doing "Romeo and Juliet," but offered her a part in "Stella Dallas." However, about that time she was offered a part in Marc Connelly's play "Wisdom Tooth," and since she wanted the stage more than the movies, she chose the play.

"The play had only a short run, and I got a chance to take the part in "Stella" anyway, so I had my cake and ate it, too," she says.

She had starring roles in a large number of silent films, then in 1931

made her last movie, and after a six-month vacation returned to the stage in Robert Sherwood's play "This is New York."

"My next part was in the musical, "Of Thee I Sing," which ran for two years. Then I played in the sequel: "Let 'Em Eat Cake." That had a 21-week run. Then," says Mrs. Young, "I fell in love and got married, and found being a wife much the nicest part I ever had."

Her husband is Clarence M. Young, who at the time of their marriage in Baltimore was head of Pan-American Airways. He is now in Washington with the Civil Aeronautics Board. During the war the Youngs lived here in San Francisco, but business took Mr. Young to Washington last year.

They are the parents of a 10-year-old son, Timothy, and last summer Mrs. Young and Tim spent the summer in Washington. Since his work will keep Mr. Young in Washington for an indefinite period, the family is now moving there to be with him. Another member of the family will accompany Mrs. Young and Tim on the trip east—Tim's cocker spaniel, "Biscuit."

During the years Mrs. Young has been in San Francisco she has been very active in the Children's theatre here. She studied singing, and sang one of the roles in Mozart's opera, "Bastian, Bastiani," which was put on at the Palace of the Legion of Honor theatre in 1941. She also played in a production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" at the University of California Greek theatre.

Early in the war she began doing Red Cross work. She made speeches during the annual drives and for the blood donor service, and was chairman of the Red Cross Speakers bureau. She did weekly radio shows for the organization, putting on 26 plays. Her affiliation with Letterman began when she became co-ordinator for the hospital, representing the Camp and Hospital service.

"Since the war ended, I've gone into business," says Mrs. Young. "Carol Levene, a friend who was overseas during the war, and I have collaborated on writing radio shows for the Red Cross, and we also did a 13-week series for the Council for Civic Unity. These are plays dealing with the problems of racial mi-

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



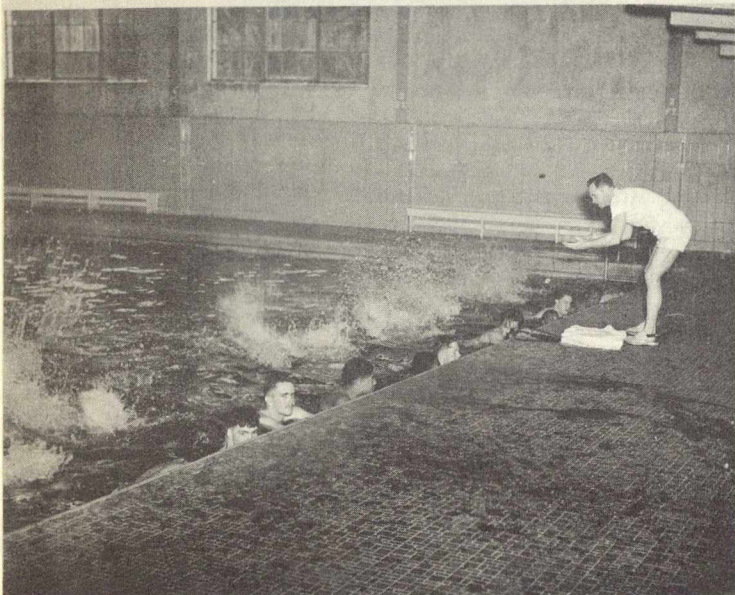
INTRODUCING THE PORTABLE PX

Which brings the PX to the patients on the wards. A generous selection of everything from cigarettes to costume jewelry is offered. Here Victor Tolomeo of ward D-1 makes a purchase from Lolle Bellon of the PX staff, while Mrs. Alice Thompson, PX manager, looks on.



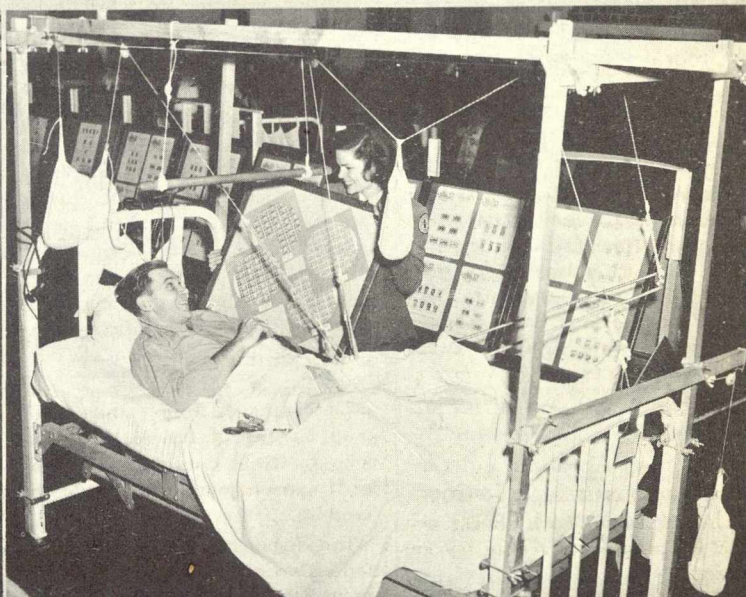
THE TWO VIRGINIAS

Of ward D-1, Lieutenant Virginia Burkham, ANC, and Captain Virginia Sanderson, ANC. You can tell from those happy smiles how much they like their work.



AT THE LETTERMAN POOL

S-Sgt. Leslie A. Harvey, in charge of swimming instruction at the Letterman pool, supervises the swimming activities of a group of patients.



STAMP CLUB EXHIBIT

Miss Ruth Horne of the Letterman Stamp Club brings one of the prize-winning frames shown at the recent stamp club exhibit over to Paul Weinhold, patient on ward 31, so he can get a closer look.

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EDITORIAL

INTEGRITY

There are countless decisions regarding personal integrity that are forced upon us every day of our lives, and it is in these decisions that we can show our true worth as individuals.

No matter how large or small our assigned task may be through it we are given an opportunity to project something of ourselves and our mental and moral concepts into the end result. The brave man, in making these decisions, thinks of his character; the weakling considers his reputation.

Above all, we should remember that every great man in history has had opponents; every new idea has been ridiculed. Anything we do will please some, will displease others. The point is: Is it right?

We can turn to no better authority for a quotation on the subject than Abraham Lincoln. In his famous speech at Cooper Union, New York, February 27, 1860, he said:

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—**Service Stripes.**

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.—**James A. Garfield.**



Recently welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps Staff were eight new arrivals: First Lieutenants Doris A. Ellison, Kathryn E. Larson, Velma C. Eastom, Toine Luoma, Helen M. Martin, Lois V. Dahlquist, Marie B. Miller and Virginia Neibel.

Captain Blanche Hawkins, ANC, who has been a patient at Letterman until just recently, is now assigned to duty here.

Personnel of the Physical Medicine Service will enjoy themselves today at a picnic at the Old Hearst Ranch near Pleasanton, with all three branches of the service—Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Reconditioning—taking part.

First Lieut. Ann Malone of the dietitians staff is being separated from the service this week, and leaving for her home in Los Angeles. She is being married in the fall, and may return to San Francisco after a vacation at home, to work for a time before her marriage.

Major Eileen Brady, ANC, is enjoying a 15-day leave at her home in Salt Lake City.

Lieutenants Beatrice Sandhoff and Gertrude Shaffer spent the holiday week end at Carmel. They were accompanied by Lieutenants Margaret Bohn, Betty Wipperfurth and Ruth Wall, but the latter three went on to Big Sur to do their sleeping in sleeping bags, sacrificing comfort for the joys of the simple outdoor life.

Lieutenants Aileen Lasse and Emily Mueller of Physical Therapy took to the mountains for their holiday and enjoyed the beauties of Yosemite.

The Physical Therapists who live at the Dante Annex quarters entertained two departing members of the clan, Lieutenants Doris Slack and Florence Lane, at a dinner party last week at Rickey's Studio Club near Palo Alto.

Lieut. Lucille Penland, ANC, is spending a 15-day leave at her home in Gooding, Idaho.

Captain Vida Buehler had an active but certainly not a vacation

WAC

Marjorie Burns, Viola Hocking and Edith Altenburg went deep sea fishing last Saturday on that well-known Army yacht. A baby shark, a flounder and plenty of sun tan were the day's rewards. But Viola Hocking did a bit more; she snared the line of the fellow on the other side of the boat. That is news—stealing someone else's fishing tackle while fishing, no?

Emma Ghormley, who was a farmerette while visiting her brother in Champaign, Illinois, says she prefers GI details to mowing the lawn, raking leaves, feeding the pigs and putting in the garden.

Ethel Lee is spending a three-day pass visiting friends in Los Angeles, and she's being missed around the barracks.

Returning from the holiday week end with much enthusiasm for the richness of scenery and with some sketches to record her experiences, Dorcas Rosenfeld recommends several spots to visit for a change from the beaten path, and beauty plus solitude. First on the list is Inverness, on Tomales Bay, in Marin County, then a drive up the Coast to Fort Ross, and then through the Russian River territory to Glen Ellen, near Jack London's famed Valley of the Moon home in Sonoma county.

We're hoping Elizabeth Hess will fly back from her furlough, and if she lets people know in time, we're certain she'll find special transportation waiting for her at Hamilton Field when the plan arrives.

Frances Jenkins and Oma Miller returned last week from their leave, which they enjoyed very much. They changed their plans, and instead of going to Mexico settled for Newport Beach and Russian River.

Welcome to six new members of the WAC detachment who arrived this week from Fort Ord. They are: 1st Sgt. Nellie P. Johnson, T/3 Martha Caldwell, T/4 Vera Barneke, T/4 Golden O. Deal, Sgt. Naomi Barry, and Pfc. Anna Saroka.

week end, because a shipment of household goods from Seattle arrived just in time to cause her to devote most of her time to sorting and putting away. However, she is now just about settled in her new apartment, she says.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 8 June, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Notice

War Department Teletype WCL 21703, from AGPO-P dated 30 May 1947 is quoted in part for the information guidance and compliance of all concerned:

"The following groups of officers will not be permitted separation under the provisions of this radio until they have completed their contracted period of service or the expiration of their category statement. They will upon separation be eligible for promotion under the provisions of Circular 140. Sub-paragraph a: Officers whose military occupational specialty denotes linguistic ability who are being utilized in such capacity and who are being retained on active duty to complete 42 months of service. Sub-paragraph b: All medical department officers including nurses, dietitians and physical therapists."

Personal Affairs

Patient and duty personnel desiring the services formerly afforded by the office of Personal Affairs will report to the Military Personnel Division, Headquarters Building. The Director of Personnel Division will arrange for the proper referrals to be made to the Chaplain, Red Cross, Information and Education Officer, and other military and civilian agencies as may be appropriate.

Our country is still young and its potential is still enormous. We should remember, as we look toward the future, that the more fully we believe in and achieve freedom and equal opportunity—not simply for ourselves but for others—the greater our accomplishments as a nation will be.—**Henry Ford II.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



CHRIS McCONNELL
Technician Fourth Grade

The name is Christine Elizabeth, but Sergeant McConnell says no one will recognize her if she's called anything but Chris, so Chris it is. She was the fifth member of her family to join the armed forces. Her father and three brothers were in the service, so Chris came in too, early in 1945.

She was born and grew up in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and before she entered the Army worked in the production planning office of the Corning Glass Works.

"But I got itchy feet," says Chris, "and besides, my brothers were all in the Navy, and I thought I ought to make my choice the Army because my father was in the Army." That way she could join with her father on pro-Army arguments.

She had her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and surgical technicians' training at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. She had wanted to do hospital work, and was well-pleased with her assignment on the surgical wards at O'Reilly. She was there until the hospital closed in September of 1946. Then she came to Letterman, and here she is assigned to duty in the dressing room on ward B-1, where she likes her work very much.

Chris enjoys listening to records, and has her own collection here with her. She likes bike-riding and tennis, and is fond of reading, mostly historical novels. Just now she is reading and enjoying James Barke's fictionalized biographical novel about the poet Robert Burns, "The Wind That Shakes the Barley."

Neighbor: "What did your son learn at college?"

Proud Parent: "Well, he hadn't been home a week before he showed me how to open bottles with a half dollar."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Two Hollywood stars, Joan Caulfield and Edward Arnold, who were in San Francisco for the opening of the new Paramount picture, "Dear Ruth," in which they both appear, came to Letterman this week to visit the wards. They got a hearty welcome from the patients.

Hardy Ward, patient on ward C-47, was the winner of the first of a monthly series of ping-pong tournament held recently on ward 26. Cyril Bush of ward 40 was the runner-up. Hardy Ward is now in temporary possession of the trophy cup donated for the tournaments by the Red Cross. The prize is issued on a rotating basis, and anyone who wins it a total of three times (not necessarily three successive times) gets to keep it. Sixteen patients took part in the first tournament, and those interested in signing up for the June event may do so at the Recreation Center.

Of interest to Michigan veterans is the following excerpt from War Department Circular 119, 1947: "All members of the armed forces who were residents of the State of Michigan and who served honorably for a period of more than 60 days between 16 September 1940 and 30 June 1946 are eligible to receive the Michigan veterans' military pay. Application forms for this bonus are now available and may be obtained upon request to the Bonus Military Pay Division, Adjutant General Office, Lansing 1, Michigan. The applicant should specify branch of service since separate application forms are provided for each branch."

The weekly list of names of patients who know all the right answers and win a dollar each for their replies on the USAFI Quiz Show broadcast over KLGH is steadily growing larger. Twenty-three patients got silver cartwheels on the two shows last week, including one whose name (believe it or not) is D. D. Dollar. The others were: G. I. Gordon, Jill Vander Pool, Lefty Kitsuki, J. W. Cordell, Emil Sandy, E. H. Buckley, Milton Keitzel, L. Watkins, Joe H. Skelton, Hardy Ward, Allen Battish, Sam E. Zimmermann, Pete Di Loreto, L. A. Ross, L. A. Ezzell, P. Wallace, Philip Zahn, William Goff, Roy M. Hewitt, Lee Clingman, James M. Cooper, Jasper Williams.

At the meeting of the Letterman

Stamp Club held Tuesday evening the members were shown covers from many Pacific atolls by Mr. Harold Osborn, president of the Bank of America Stamp Club. Later Mr. Fred Husing of the California Collectors' Club talked on the stamp exhibit he saw in New York recently, and he also gave each Letterman member a photostatic facsimile of the British Guiana 1856 one-cent stamp, the original of which is valued at \$50,000. Richard Grant of ward 28, one of the most enthusiastic of the Letterman members, keeps his facsimile of the stamp in his wallet, and is happy to exhibit it to anyone interested.

Members of the Letterman Anglers' Club were the guests of the Civic Rod and Gun Club at Lake Merced Wednesday evening, and enjoyed a banquet of cracked crab and plenty of beer. Joe Springer, sponsor of the Letterman Club, gets lots of praise from the members for the work he does in arranging special events for their pleasure. Among the members from LGH who went to the dinner were Jim Gemette (who traveled complete with gurney) Bill Pollock, Anthony Marcus, Leroy Noren, Ben Shook, William Enderlin, Mickey Condan, George Ackerman, Luis Serpa, Kay Perfect and Karl. Letterman patients interested in fishing who would like to become members of the Anglers Club are invited to drop in at Building 1068 and join up.

MORE ABOUT
MRS. LOIS MORAN YOUNG

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norities, broadcast under the title "We Are Many People."

Mrs. Young acted in the plays, and after the Bay Area broadcasts were finished, the series was transcribed and sent East, where they were sold for broadcast in 60 other cities throughout the United States. Mrs. Young and Miss Levene have formed a company, Pax Productions, to handle these and future scripts.

"I'll miss my work with the patients at Letterman," says Mrs. Young, "and if we come to San Francisco when we return to California, I certainly intend to return to it. I hope that I can do some work at Walter Reed Hospital while I'm in the East."

ON THE SPOT



ALLAN A. MARCUS
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. Allan Marcus, patient on ward E-1, remarks that he will have completed a "three-year hitch" in Army hospitals as this issue of the Fog Horn goes to press. And he is evidently bent on celebrating the event, because this week he took off on a 30-day furlough.

Allan is known to his fellow patients on the ward as the "boy with a laugh and a pun," both of which he has on hand at all times. He says this is for the purpose of making the best of a long hospital career.

"I was born in Pittsburgh, Pa.," says Allan, "but I moved to Chicago at the ripe old age of ten and lived there until Uncle Sam called, so I consider that my home town."

Allan decided that talking to the public and meeting people could make a good career, so he began work as a salesman in a large Loop store in Chicago. After a year he was made department manager and buyer for all their textile departments.

In 1941, he entered the Army, and in 1942 went overseas to Australia with the 41st Infantry Division.

"A Jap gun sighted me on Biak Island in June 1944," says Allan, "and after being hospitalized in New Guinea for six months I was returned to the States, where I've been in Army hospitals ever since."

He says he has the distinction of having had all of his family at Letterman at one time—as patients. Since he has been here his wife Alice has also been a patient, and his son Phillip was born here last December 9.

Pretty Young Dancer: "What is the difference between marching and dancing?"

Soldier: "I don't know."

Dancer: "I didn't think you did. Let's sit this one out."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Robert Giovannoli and William Fujita of the Finance Office left Thursday for Woshington, D. C., for a three-day Fiscal Division conference at the office of the Surgeon General. They went by train, and plan to stop off on their way back for a day's visit at the home of Mr. Giovannoli's sister in Garrison, Iowa.

Pat Mockbee is planning to move to San Mateo in the near future, and will join the ranks of Peninsula commuters.

Marion Kierzek of Occupational Therapy has resigned and is leaving soon for her home in Corvallis, Oregon. This summer she will be working as counsellor at a girls' camp near San Bernardino, and in the fall will probably return to Oregon to teach. Her friends in O. T. presented her with a farewell gift of sterling silver.

Esther Kleinclaus of the Detachment of Patients complains that she never hears any news around the hospital. Her dictaphone ear phones prevent it, she says regretfully.

Marian Davis of Receiving Office resigned last week and will spend a two-month vacation in Tennessee with her husband before returning to San Francisco.

Tom Mullen is the new assistant manager of the Letterman PX. He is a San Franciscan, and was formerly in the Army Air Corps.

Gus Teves of the Bindery was best man recently at a wedding in Reno, and he brought back a report of cold weather and even snow thereabouts.

Annie Anglin of the PX has additional duties now that she is raising two baby canaries that were disowned by their mother. She feeds them with a toothpick, and they are growing fast and getting fat under her watchful eye.

Faye Spaugh of the PX averages nine letters a day from her husband, who is stationed in Japan. She plans to join him there in six months, and is eagerly looking forward to the trip. No doubt when she arrives she will find him suffering from a bad case of writer's cramp from all that letter-writing.

A pleasant week end in Marin County was interrupted for Shirley Strunk of Out-Patient Service when she had to undergo an emergency appendectomy recently.

LIEUT. HOLKE, HALLOWED IN HORSE MEMORY, HIES HOME



First Lieut. MARY B. HOLKE, MDD
She will be a June bride.

The young lady who attained local prominence because of her abiding love for horses and later admitted some affection for mankind by announcing her engagement to a mere man this week severed her connection with the military service as an officer to make preparations for assuming her new role as an Army wife.

Lieut. Mary B. Holke joined station here at Letterman on 18 August 1945 as a staff dietitian and soon became one of our most popular officers. She was first assigned to the patient officers' mess and in October of last year transferred to Crissy Annex as the mess officer for the debarkation unit. Her administration of that office was of the highest order and the menu planned by her had a very special appeal for the men just home from the Pacific areas. If the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, Lieut. Holke is held in abiding affection by every debarkee who passes through Crissy Annex.

The Lieutenant is a native of Higginsville, Missouri, and a graduate of Stevens College, Columbia, Mo., Iowa State University of Ames,

Iowa, and the Harper Hospital in Detroit. The last named school is one of the best in the country and to be a "Harper Girl" is to win immediate recognition as tops in the field of dietetics.

Higginsville is a division point on the local railroad, we are told, though it might otherwise have been found on a large scale map of the state. The population, according to the World Almanac, is 3500. Lieut. Holke came all the way to California—a new world—to meet a man not only from her own state but from her own town. There followed a brief courtship and in Higginsville on 18 June Lieut. Holke will become the bride of Captain Darold Jenkins, AAF, and after a short honeymoon at an undisclosed spot the newlyweds will settle down in San Rafael adjacent to Hamilton Field where Captain Jenkins is on duty.

The horses over at the Presidio—or what is left of them—may not miss Mary but the men around here, and some of the women no doubt, are taking their loss philosophically. So long as she is staying with the army it is only au revoir.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph L. Stone, a girl, **Judith Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 26 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Morris E. Cohen, a girl, **Linda Louise**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 27 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence L. Wilson, a boy, **John Alfred**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 28 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Warren A. Drake, a girl, **Jacqueline**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 28 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Rudolph Davila, a boy, **Jeffrey Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 29 May.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Spooner, a boy, **Harold, Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces, born 31 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Daniel Greene, a boy, **Gordon Naeseth**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 1 June.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Gerald T. Moon, a boy, **Stephen Michael**, born 2 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Henry M. Fletcher, a girl, **Rebecca Arden**, born 2 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Mullins, a girl, **Connie Kathleen**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 2 June.

Disabled Veterans Can Re-enlist in Former Grade

Partially disabled combat wounded veterans of World War II now have until June 30 to retain the grade they held at time of discharge, the War Department has announced.

The new ruling applies to all former enlisted men wounded during World War II who submit applications for a three-year enlistment on or before June 30 of this year, regardless of the length of time they have been out of the Army. Former enlisted men in this category who apply for re-enlistment after June 30 must apply within 20 days from the date of their discharge in order to receive their former grades.

Partially disabled veterans who were officers, warrant officers or flight officers are eligible to re-enter the Army on three-year enlistments as first or master sergeants until June 30. After that date application for such re-entry must be made within 20 days from the last day of their terminal leave.

MEDICAL DETACH

Bill Palesch, Control Office, who is a confirmed sight-seer, believes he has covered San Francisco by now and is branching out by visiting surrounding counties. He visited Larkspur and San Rafael last week.

Bruce Dryer, Information Office, is enjoying 21 days at home in Holly, Michigan.

Setting a new record is Cpl. George Abernathy, Det. Office, who spent his three day pass in the barracks, just a-loafing and a-sleeping.

T/5 Dick Campbell, Dental Prosthetic, is looking forward to the arrival of his wife from Indiana this June. She plans an indefinite stay.

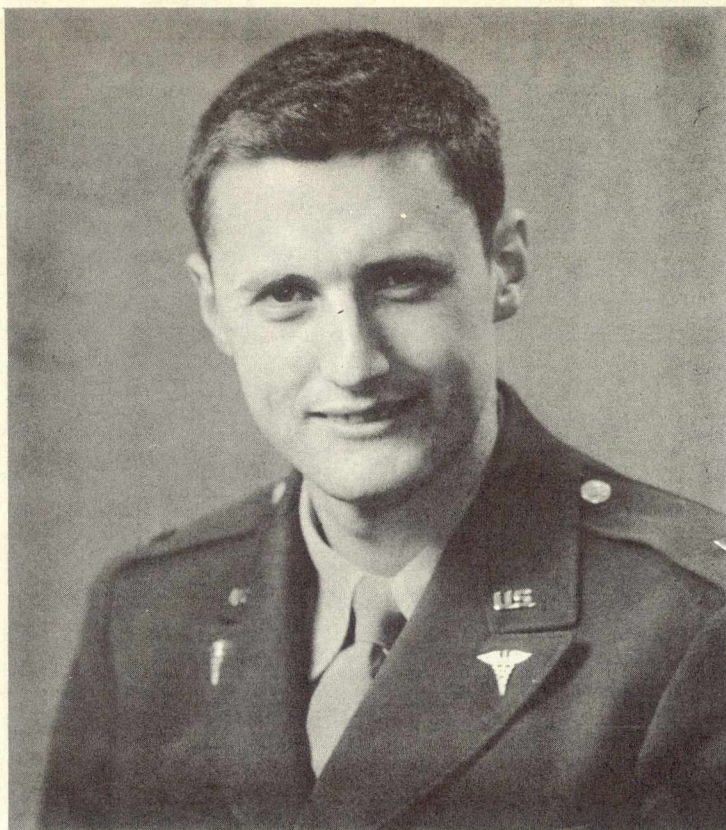
Lee Stein, Library, is on a three day pass and is spending it in Los Angeles with his brother. Lee is the young man who likes Los Angeles better than San Francisco.

A new addition to the Information Office is William Montayo. He is from San Pedro but at present is making his home in San Francisco.

Russell Vizzi, Chaplain's Office, was heard giving glowing reports of his hours spent in the air—literally. He lives for the time he can take off "into the wild blue yonder."

At the detachment picnic held recently at the Old Hearst Ranch near Pleasanton, Letterman men were featured on the breakfast program broadcast over KSFO. What's more, some of them cashed in on the "Knight for a Night" contest. Pfc. John Mahon won the where-withal for a super date, which included being picked up at LGH in a 1947 limousine, dinner at the Barbizon Room, complete with floor show, two tickets for "The Song of Norway" at the Curran, and after-theatre dancing at the Papagayo Room. Everything was supplied for the date but the companion, and Johnny had no difficulty picking the lucky girl. On the same contest Pfc. Mickey Grecco won a radio and a box of candy, and Sgt. Carl Stein an album of records. More than 300 detachment personnel attended the picnic, and the statistics show that 900 pieces of fried chicken disappeared in 20 minutes.

CAPTAIN BATEMAN OUTLINES PRIMARY AIMS OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE SERVICE



Captain ALFRED V. BATEMAN, MC
Acting Chief, Physical Medicine Service

Captain Alfred V. Bateman, who arrived at Letterman in March, and who is now Acting Chief of Physical Medicine Service, is full of enthusiasm for the Physical Medicine program, and is proud of the treatment record of its three sections—Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Reconditioning.

In a recent month 702 patients were treated in the main P. T. clinic, receiving a total of 16,490 treatments. In the P. T. amputee clinic 62 patients received 1054 treatments. Occupational Therapy treated 929 patients during that month, giving 5452 treatments. Physical Reconditioning treated 2,361 patients, and the treatments totaled 7,274.

"The mission of the Physical Medicine Service is primarily to give treatments which will restore normal functioning of the injured part of the body" says Captain Bateman. "The purpose of our work is remedial, not recreational."

Although many of the activities used have a diversional angle, their purpose is not to entertain but to

provide the necessary exercise for injured muscles.

Patients sent to all three sections of Physical Medicine Service are required to have a referral form from their ward officer, just as for other medical treatments, and the patients are examined by Medical Corps Physical Medicine consultants who determine the particular treatment necessary in each case.

Captain Bateman, who is a native of Portland, Oregon, received his medical degree at the University of Oregon Medical School, and interned at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He came into the Army in May 1946, and was first at McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena, on the Orthopedic and Surgical wards. After a two-month course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he was assigned to duty at Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. He remained there until sent to Letterman in March of this year.

He and his wife, Ruth, and their 16-month-old son David live at Ridge Point here in San Francisco.

Horse Auction

The San Francisco "Chronicle" in a news story about the auction sale of surplus horses at the Presidio stables on Wednesday said in part:

"Mrs. Pauline Matuska, ex-WAC captain and wife of a lieutenant colonel, opened her pretty mouth just once and came off with the choicest bargain of the day. She bought Cubbison, thoroughbred chestnut gelding, for exactly \$67.50—a price which caused the Army wives and their husbands around the corral to gasp and look at one another and announce they didn't believe it. Cubbison was such a pet."

At the auction 14 riding horses were sold for a total of \$1152.50.

Portable PX

A PX on wheels is making ward rounds these days, bringing to Letterman bed patients a large variety of the merchandise sold in the PX, so that they can personally select gifts and necessities.

The portable PX, which makes daily trips to the wards, morning and afternoon, is guided by Lolle Bellon of the PX staff, who makes buying a pleasure, and who sees to it that her movable shop is stocked with the newest arrivals on the PX shelves. Among the items available are stationery, costume jewelry, pen and pencil sets, perfumes and colognes, watches, cigarettes, pipes, candy and gum.

Mrs. Alice Thompson, floor manager of the Letterman PX, says that the portable PX will cover every bed-patient ward at least once a week.

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

Current Federal examination announcements include eight types of positions for which no closing date for applications has been set. Full details on requirements and location of positions may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building, or from the announcements posted on the hospital bulletin boards.

The positions and salaries are: Aeronautical Research Scientist, \$3397 to \$9975 a year; Chemist, \$2,644; Clinical Psychologist, \$4149 to \$7102; Dietitian, \$2644 to \$4902; Student Dietitian, \$1470; Engineer, \$2644; Physicist, \$2644; Psychologist (Personal Counselor), \$4902; Stenographer and Typist, \$1954.



(AFPS)—In the ranks of professional sports—the old maxim goes—the gridiron and the diamond do not mix. Those gifted college athletes who set the campus kiddies raving throughout the football and baseball seasons and then find themselves plagued by fabulous offers to enter the pro fields in both lines are forced to make a difficult decision.

However, a curly-haired youth from Pittston, Pa., Charley Trippi, is waging a one-man battle to blast apart the one-sport-only theory. At present Charley is the sensation of the Southern Association. The actual degree of his diamond ability, despite the countless offers he received upon graduation from the University of Georgia, was a matter of debate until recently. Today, though, the Atlanta Crackers' ace centerfielder is pounding the horsehide at a pace that has hoisted his average well up into the AA loop's big six, and his antics on the basepaths are driving rival catchers mad. Kiki Culyer, Atlanta manager, considers Trippi a top flight prospect, and Ki has been around long enough to know.

The fact that the Georgia All-American was hounded by more scouts and advance men from the play-for-pay football clubs throughout the '46 season than any other three stars combined is perhaps the best evaluation of his football skill. There is little doubt in anyone's mind that he will make the grade on the gridiron. As a sophomore Trippi was overshadowed by Frankie Sinkwich, but he later went on to outdo even the mighty Jawjaw boy. He can do everything with a football and has proved it in the best of competition.

What, though, does it all mean? Trippi is a cinch to star in pro football stadiums. And anyone who makes a diamond debut such as he has should eventually wind up in the big time. But what of the conflict between contracts and playing seasons? Trippi's pro grid contract calls for him to appear at the Chicago Cardinals training camp before the close of the baseball season, and the contract runs for four years. No baseball team wants to work a



"THE LOOK"
No wonder Anita Colby of Hollywood is known as "The Look" when she can look like this, all lace and glamour!

season with a hitting star who would be lost when the chips are planted in the final weeks of competition. And no football team wants a backfield ace that will miss training and possibly early season games.

Charley Trippi may have the stuff for both big time baseball and high grade football, but, before he can attain the stardom which his ability calls for, he, like all the rest, must make a decision.

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The third base problem of the Boston Red Sox, which was starting to assume the proportions of a major headache when it developed that Strick Shoffner, Joe Cronin's choice at the spot throughout the spring was not a big leaguer, has been solved. Since the departure of Jim Tabor, Boston's regular there since 1938, Cronin has had troubles at the hot corner. And last summer Pinky Higgins, Rip Russell, Ernie Andres, Lee Culberson and Eddie Pellagrini were not able to help round out the Sox lineup. The new Boston setup, featuring Johnny Pesky at third and Pellagrini at short, seems to be the answer. Pelly, in his natural slot, is doing as well

defensively as any shortfielder in the game, while Pesky, a great hitter and brilliant fielder, is rapidly becoming the loop's best at third. The only question now is pellagrini's hitting, and should he fail to come through at the plate, the Yawkey chain has a batch of youngsters eager to take over Cronin's old spot.

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Army golf and tennis addicts shortly will be given ample opportunity to test their skills against the best of service competition. Two Army tourneys have been scheduled for the summer: one for golfers at Ft. Benning during the week of August 12th and one for prospective Donald Budes at the Army-Navy Country Club in Washington, D. C., between the 15th and 19th of July. All persons on active duty will be eligible for the golf tournament, while four-man squads from each major command will be selected for the tennis meets. Tennis winners will battle at a later date with the Navy's aces for the coveted Leech trophy, symbolic of the service championship. Full details will be announced soon by the host commands.

Gifts for Patients

Pupils of the 4-A class at Parkside School in San Francisco brought a large collection of books, pencils and ash trays to the hospital this week as a Memorial Day gift for Letterman patients. They have been distributed on the wards and the patients expressed their thanks for the children's thoughtfulness. Five students, pupils of Miss Rebecca Melner, brought the gifts—Russell Xepoleas, George McMahon, Janet Mendell, Mary Lou Engen and Helene Wittenberg.

Plan Summer School For Ft. Knox Soldiers

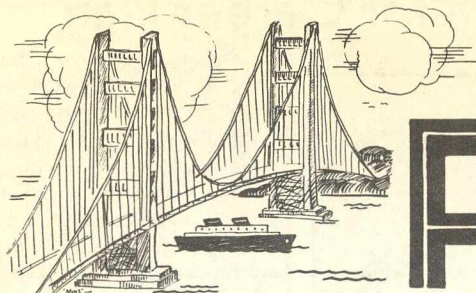
Ft. Knox, Ky. (AFPS)—A summer school in the "College of Hard Knox," with an enrollment open to soldiers and civilians, will be opened here on June 23 by University of Louisville professors.

Courses offer full college credit under sponsorship of the university's division of adult education. Tuition of military personnel will be paid by the Troop Information and Education Division. Trainees in the experimental Military Training Unit are not eligible for enrollment, however.

The summer school was planned, according to Stephan Langford, Ft. Knox educational director, "because more and more the Army is realizing that academic education does have potential military value. The War Department feels the best soldier is perhaps the best-educated soldier."

The university already is giving two courses in psychology at this post during the spring semester. About 100 soldiers are also enrolled in the adult education division on the Belknap campus of the school.

As sources of ideas, professors simply cannot compete with books. Books can be found to fit almost every need, temper or interest. Books can be read when you are in the mood; they do not have to be taken in periodic doses. Books are both more personal and more impersonal than professors. Books have an inner confidence which individuals seldom show . . . They are infinitely diverse. They can be found to express every point of view; if you want a different point of view, you can read a different book. — William G. Carleton.



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July 31 New Deadline for RA Applications

All officers and former officers of the Medical and Dental Corps of the Army will have until the end of July to apply for Regular Army commissions.

Extension of time for applications for commissions from doctors and dentists was granted as a result of shortages in these classifications in the first three increments of the Regular Army Officer Integration Program. Any medical or dental officer who is now on active duty or who saw service with the Army during World War II hostilities will be eligible to submit his application to The Adjutant General.

A similar extension of time in which to file applications for integration has been granted to sanitary and medical administrative corps officers with certain specialties.

The classifications affected by the new ruling are those with the following specification serial numbers: bacteriologist (3307), biochemist (3309), parasitologist (3310), serologist (3311), clinical laboratory officer (3314), entomologist (3315), nutrition officer (3316), toxicologist (7316), industrial hygienist (7430), sanitary engineer (7960), clinical psychologist (2252) and psychiatric social worker (3605).

The additional application period was announced in an effort to obtain more medical candidates for Regular Army commissions. The first increment of officers brought into the Army in 1947 contained far below the desired proportion of medical officers.

Provisions have also been made for the appointment of persons qualified for commissioned grades in the Medical Corps and Dental

Note of Greeting

Upon assuming my duties as Surgeon General of the Army, I want to extend to each one my very best wishes. May I thank you in advance for your continued loyalty in our mission of giving superior medical service and in giving it with kindness, courtesy, and good will.

Sincerely,

R. W. BLISS
Major General
The Surgeon General

Corps of the Regular Army from three sources in addition to the current Regular Army integration program. Appointments to either corps will be made in the grade of first lieutenant with a minimum and maximum age on date of appointment of 21 to 32 years. The sources from which these appointments will be made are:

From persons who have completed one-year internship in an Army hospital, are graduates of an approved medical or dental school, and are recommended for appointment in the Regular Army by the intern board of the hospital in which the candidate served his internship.

From medical and dental officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps, National Guard of the United States, and Army of the United States who have demonstrated their fitness to hold commissioned grade in the Medical Corps or Dental Corps of the Regular Army, after having performed at least one year of continuous extended active duty after June 30, 1947, and are recommended by the commanding officers under whom they performed such active duty, are graduates of an approved medical or dental school, and, if candidates for the Medical Corps, have successfully completed one year's internship in an approved hospital.

AMA Asked to Help Army Get Medical Officers

Pointing out that the Army needs 6000 well-trained physicians for the present peacetime Army, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, speaking this week at the American Medical Association convention in Atlantic City, asked AMA help in getting more medical officers for the Army.

"We have that many physicians today," he said, "but 4900 of them are reserves, who will drop out."

At present there are 1100 Regular Army medical officers, 200 less than before the war.

Secretary Patterson asked AMA support for the bill now in Congress which is designed to attract more medical men to the Army. The proposed bill would give \$100 a month extra to all medical officers with less than 30 years service; give a 25 per cent increase in base and longevity pay to medical officers designated as specialists; provide for four chief consultants in medicine with a rank of brigadier or major general, and alter the present law to permit appointments at higher grade and later ages. The bill would also permit employment of civilian physicians without regard to civil service requirements.

Salaries would range from \$3,650 to \$9,800 yearly, with a top of \$11,000 for specialists.

It is contrary to military tradition to pay Army medical officers more than other officers, but Secretary Patterson said that the proposed legislation was based on recommendations from top medical advisors.

"We went to leaders of the medical profession and accepted their solution even though it runs counter to military tradition," he said. "The greatest shortage we face today is in medical personnel. It is an acute problem."

Manpower Analysis Team Obtains Data for Career Plan

The War Department manpower analysis team, now at work at Letterman on a survey of medical Department jobs, this week began an analysis of combat jobs, based on interviews with patients who had combat experience.

Preliminary research on the combat job project was done at Brooke Army Medical Center at San Antonio, Texas, and since the team now at LGH is the only Medical Department analysis team now in the field, the combat survey is being initiated at this hospital.

"Since it is no longer possible to obtain information on combat activities by observation, the members of the team are getting the information by interviewing patients who had combat experience during the war," said Captain James W. Rowe, PC, who heads the team.

Of 300 patients with combat experience now at Letterman approximately 60 performed jobs on which a top investigation priority has been set and an additional 70 occupied jobs on which the War Department desires further study from a combat standpoint, according to Captain Rowe.

It is expected that this part of the survey will be completed by the end of July by the two officers and eight enlisted personnel of the team. On the team are Captain Rowe; his assistant, Capt. Leonard C. Barney, PC, and Master Sergeant L. L. Lee of Letterman, and M/Sgt. James W. White, M/Sgt. Geo. W. Redd, 1/Sgt. Samuel Paperno, 1/Sgt. George W. Hill, 1st Sgt. Allred Lindley, T/Sgt. Leon L. Caplan, T/Sgt. A. Burdick.

The material gathered in the surveys made at Letterman is to be used in implementing the new career plan for enlisted men which will begin operation about 1 March 1948. This will allow time for Congress to enact necessary legislation. It will also allow commanders to get comments from warrant officers and NCO's in time to correct shortcomings in the plan before it becomes effective.

The War Department survey and analysis will answer the questions: What jobs are essential to the new peacetime Army: Into what natural groupings do they fall? How do they compare in difficulty, responsibility, technical knowledge, and physical fitness required? What jobs are just about the same no



matter what the arm of service? What should be the grade and pay of a soldier who is doing such-and-such a job? What changes in MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) numbers should be made to correspond with the revised job set-up?

This analysis will be used to establish a job-and-grade structure designed to insure for every Army job:

1. A specific description and MOS number.
2. Specific requirements in training, knowledge, and skill.
3. A specific test or set of tests, to determine whether the soldier has the required knowledge and skill.
4. A grade—corporal, sergeant, warrant officer, and so on—so established that equal skills receive equal pay regardless of arm, service, or branch.

Capable enlisted and warrant officer personnel will hereafter be

encouraged, more than ever, to qualify for Reserve and Regular Army commissions. It is planned that all commissions will be either Reserve or Regular.

From the time he makes Pfc., any soldier may work for a Reserve commission. He may apply for admission to Officers' Candidate School. Qualifications are that he be an American citizen between the ages of 20½ and 28, have at least a high school education (or passes an equivalent general education test), be of high moral character, and make a score of at least 110 in the Army General Classification Tests. Names of qualified men are placed on lists in headquarters of numbered armies and overseas theaters according to "composite" scores based on qualifications determined by tests and interviews. Quotas for any specific OCS class are filled from this list. If a successful candidate has not reached the grade

of sergeant first class (staff sergeant), he will be promoted to that grade just before entering OCS.

Certain men of the grade of sergeant first class or higher may qualify for Reserve commissions without attending OCS. They will be given direct Reserve commissions after passing certain tests and interviews. They must not be over 28 years of age.

A similar opportunity for direct Reserve commissions is open to former warrant officers and to former first-three-graders who have at least 6 months of World War II service in grade and who are not over 28 years of age.

A point to be noted here is that probably more soldiers than heretofore will hold Reserve commissions by taking active-duty training as officers periodically, and while absent from their units during such training they will continue to get "time-in-grade" for promotion to the next higher enlisted grade.

Tests and rating scales, many of which were developed during the war and found accurate, will play an important part in the entire system of career planning.

Upon entering the Army, or soon thereafter, a recruit will take the now familiar Army General Classification Test (AGCT) to indicate his general learning ability. If necessary he will also take a General Education Development (GED) Test to show the approximate grade level of his civilian schooling knowledge.

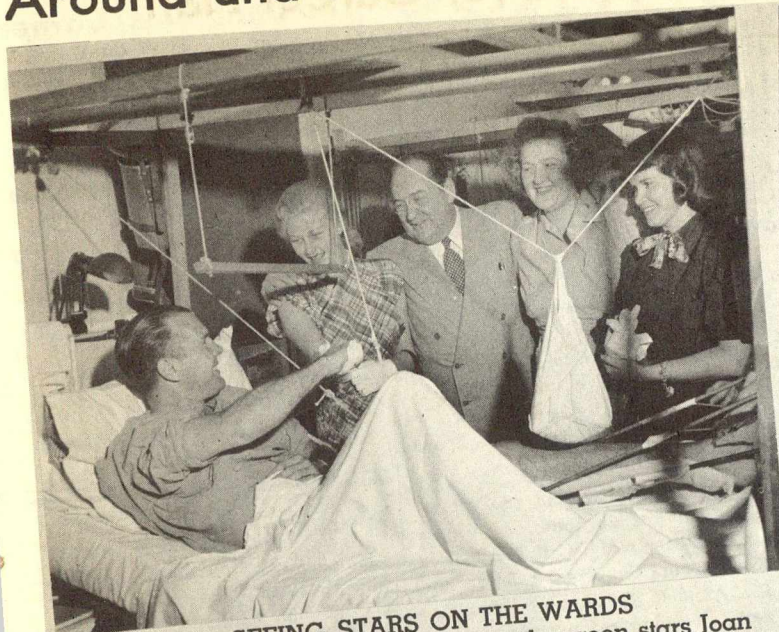
Six months after it is officially announced that all promotions shall be based upon MOS Tests, most NCO's in the first three grades will be required to take the appropriate MOS tests. First-three-graders with 10 years of service, 3 or more of which have been in their present grade or at higher grade, will not be required to take the tests.

Those who fail to pass will be reduced to the next lower grade. After 6 months in the lower grade they will be required to pass the tests for that grade or be further reduced. (No NCO may be reduced more than one grade at a time, however, except by action of a court-martial.)

Furthermore, all personnel who fall below certain efficiency standards for a stated period will automatically appear before a board to

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



SEEING STARS ON THE WARDS
Robert Brookes of ward E-2 chats with screen stars Joan Caulfield and Edward Arnold, who visited Letterman last week. The others in the picture are 1st Lt. Primrose Gifford, ANC, and Joan's sister, Betty Caulfield.



KLGH BROADCAST
Edward Arnold and Joan Caulfield with John Miller, station manager of Letterman's radio station KLGH. Standing: 1st Lt. Oliver Rajala of Special Services.



SONGS FROM "THE SONG OF NORWAY"
Dorene Wilson of "The Song of Norway" cast sings for the patients on ward D-2



APPRECIATIVE PATIENTS
Followed Joan Caulfield and her sister Betty from ward to ward during their visit to the hospital last week.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

DESTRUCTION

Writing recently in the Army Ordnance Association Journal an Army Major predicted that science will soon produce rockets to travel at the almost incredible speed of 26,000 miles per hour to span the 400,000 miles between Mars and the Earth. He further prophesied that such rockets will introduce a race between the nations to establish military bases on the distant planet. A country attacking from Mars, he said, would be afforded "vastly greater opportunities for secrecy and surprise" than if it made a sudden assault from earth against an enemy country.

Now the possibilities of long-distance travel through the use of rockets has been a common topic of discussion for a long, long time. For the past 50 years fictioneers have described wars between worlds. The stories dealt with conditions so far from the real that the possibility of their becoming a reality seemed exceedingly remote. Now an Army Major, a mathematician and engineer, advises us to look ahead to such a time.

Is this the manner in which mankind will employ the accomplishments of science? To overcome the difficulties of space and fly to other planets, not for what the planets have to offer in the way of mineral resources and other, perhaps



First Lieutenant Reba Holland, ANC, who is on orders to go to Yokohama, is now enjoying a pre-embarkation leave at her home in Dallas, Texas.

Three newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurses Corps staff at Letterman last week—First Lieutenant Dorothy A. Donovan, who came from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and First Lieutenants Ester M. Anderson and Rena M. Sullivan, both recently returned from overseas duty with the 110th Station Hospital at Vienna, Austria.

First Lieutenant Margaret Bohn of the dietitians' staff left this week to attend the two-week mess administration course at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, and 1st Lieutenant Eunice Moratz, MDD, who just completed the course, returned to duty here.

First Lieutenant Grace C. Loehde, ANC, is enjoying an 8-day leave while her sister is here visiting her, and 1st Lieutenant Mary Long, ANC, is also on leave.

First Lieutenant Margaret Williams, ANC, is on emergency leave, having been called to Fresno this week because of the illness of her mother.

"The Duchess" is the name of the car recently acquired by 1st Lieutenants Emily Mueller and Aileen Lasse of Physical Therapy, and in "The Duchess" they have been happily exploring San Francisco and surrounding territory. In fact, Lieutenant Mueller reports that they now have difficulty persuading themselves to walk anywhere, they enjoy transportation on wheels so much.

unknown, benefits, but so that we can make war more efficiently, destroy each other on a grander scale?

If so, then we differ from lower species of animal only in certain physical characteristics; it certainly cannot be an ability to think rationally which distinguishes us from the apes.—Tilton Talk.

WAC

Very pleased over the results of hours of scrubbing and window shining, Captain Chapin joined in the praise of our spic and span quarters of Saturday last. It was the first formal inspection we've had in months, and it ended in a blaze of glory for the detachment. With our new flowered curtains adding the needed feminine touch to our formerly barren barracks, Colonel Gates and Major Robinson were pleasantly surprised and gave us an excellent inspection rating. As for the company sentiments, we quote from a bulletin on the board: "Tanrk goodness, that's over."

They must have had the proverbial fifth ace up their sleeves, for luck was certainly with T/3 Martha K. Caldwell, Sgt. Naomi Barry, and Pfc. Anna M. Sorako, who spent exactly 30 minutes on their new assignments, only to be snatched from this post and given orders for a trip across the blue Atlantic. Lucky girls, maybe.

Keeping out of mischief and studying Psychology to learn why human beings sometimes don't behave like monkeys, Aletha Birchfield spend her free evening at the swimming pool assuming those weighty responsibilities known as Charge of Quarters.

We hear, Pat Nacey, that you will soon be a civilian and have already signed for a position as an eye doctor's nurse in San Jose. Hope the patients will keep their eyes on the chart ahead, instead of the glint of red in your hair.

Ethel Lee, we owe you an apology, but in our dire straits to get fresh news we went overboard . . . but do enjoy those three days you're off this week, even though we said it was last week you went to Los Angeles.

Edith Altenburg, when you're home on that 30-day furlough and find time heavy on your hands, there's an interesting story behind the name of Amsterdam . . . also the New York end of the equation. You might dig into the library archives.

For a while it seemed a rest period might be what Barbara Mostella needed, so now that she is on patient status, we hope she'll take it easy.

Rena Regas said goodbye to the

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 15 June, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Wedding Bells

Major Mary C. Pollard, ANC, became the bride of Colonel Robert P. Rea, Mc, on Thursday morning at the Presidio Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith of Berkeley. The bride wore a white suit with dark blue accessories, and following the ceremony Colonel and Mrs. Rea left on their wedding trip.

Colonel Rea is at present acting chief of the EENT Clinic at Letterman and Mrs. Rea has been in charge of Central Service.

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Lieutenant John Pesch (j. g.), DC, Navy officer assigned to the Letterman Dental Clinic, will be one of the two bridegrooms in a double wedding ceremony today at 2 p. m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church in San Mateo. His bride is Miss Louise Mae Guida, whose brother, Anthony Guida, is marrying Miss Anna Marie Brown at the same ceremony. After the wedding a reception will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel at San Mateo.

Promotions

From 2d Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant: Emily E. Mueller, MDPT; Andrew M. Flom, MAC.

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success. Talent is only a starting point in the business. You've got to keep working that talent. — Irving Berlin.

Army and hello to civilian life last week, taking with her the good wishes of her friends here.

WAC OF THE WEEK



SUE BURNETT
Technician Fourth Grade

Sergeant Sue Burnett, who has done a lot of traveling and tried a lot of occupations, says that in her work in the Army she has found what she likes to do best. She is assigned to Physical Therapy and has found the work so interesting that she hopes to continue with it even after she leaves the Army. "I want to go on studying and learning as much as possible about it," she says.

During the mornings Sergeant Burnett gives treatments at the main clinic, and in the afternoons she gives treatments to bed patients on the wards.

Sue is from New York, but has lived in California for some time. Before she joined the WAC she worked at the Naval Air Station at Alameda. Then in March 1945, she came into the Army because she wanted to work in the Medical Department. After completing basic and medical technician training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was assigned to Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, and remained there until that hospital was closed. Her interest in Physical Therapy began at Hammond, and at her next duty station, Camp Beale, she was assigned to P. T. all during the year she was there.

In December of last year she came to Letterman and again assigned to Physical Therapy. She would like very much to go overseas. "But so far only clerical assignments have been one, and I want very much to continue with P. T. work," she says.

She has a number of interests outside her work—swimming, sewing, reading, bowling and gardening. At present her gardening is done on weekends at the home of friends in San Leandro. Sergeant Burnett has traveled extensively in the U. S. and has been in every state except

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The June ping-pong tournament for patients was held last Friday evening at the Recreation Center, and Thomas McKiernan of ward 26 was the winner, and is now in temporary possession of the trophy cup donated by the Red Cross. Gregory Vargas of ward N-2 was the runner-up in the tournament. Future events will be held on the second Friday of each month at the Recreation Center.

When screen star Jane Russell and former GI Harvey Stone came to Letterman to entertain the patients on Tuesday afternoon, they played to a large and enthusiastic crowd on ward E-2. The ward was filled with ambulatory patients from other wards, and enough pictures were taken by the patients to fill an album with shots of Jane Russell.

Artist Gill Richard Sharp will spend the week of June 16 to 21 at Letterman sketching patients. Sharp, himself a veteran, is coming here as part of the USO-Camp Shows service to hospitalized veterans. His specialty is portraiture. After he completes his sketch, he sends the original to Camp Shows' headquarters in New York City. There it is photostated, and the original, as well as the photostat positive and negative, is sent to whomever the patient designates. From the negative as many copies as desired can be made. All this is done without charge. Sharp, who was discharged from the Army in February, after four years service, is entitled to wear the Combat Infantry Badge and two battle stars. He was with the 97th Division in Germany and Czechoslovakia, and also served in the Pacific Theatre, having been in Yokohama on occupation duty after V-J Day.

Five members of the cast of "The Song of Norway" came to Letterman last week and entertained the patients on the wards, singing songs from the show. Mrs. Roy Arnold of the Hospitalized Veterans' Com-

South Dakota. She spent nearly five years in Alaska, and while there was in Achorage, Fairbanks, Nome, Kodiak and Kotzebue. "It was only been open, and I want very much to sell my parka and mukluks," she said, "because I don't think I'll be needing them very soon again."

mittee brought the group to LGH, and May Jackson played the piano accompaniments for their songs. The members of the cast were Kirsten Kenyon, Dorene Wilson, Margie (Andy) Anderson, Paul Elmer and Dick Scott.

The 20 lucky people who answered the USAFI Quiz show questions at two KLGH broadcasts held at the Recreation Center during the past week, and each won a silver dollar for their answers were: G. J. Gordon, Jill Vanderpool, Lefty Kitsuki, D. D. Dollar, J. N. Cordell, Emil Sandy, E. H. Buckley, P. Wallace, Milton Weitzel, L. Watkins, Joe H. Skelton, Robert Anderson, James W. Cooper, Allen Battiste, S. D. Wag-ganer, M. L. Wiser, Robert Barry, Louis Cobruga, Maurice Watts, William F. Ferguson.

Stamp Club members were preparing to recruit a new (very new) member this week when they heard the news that one of their star members, Melvin Love of ward A-2, and his wife have just become the proud parents of a daughter. Captain Love is on leave at his home in Renton, Washington, so he was on hand to welcome his daughter in person.

Elvin Wall of ward E-2 was the man who solved the "Who's Guilty?" murder mystery broadcast over KLGH last Thursday evening. His reward was a crisp \$5 bill, courtesy of USAFI. The script for the show, titled "They Say It's Murder," written by a Letterman patient, William P. Goff of ward 30.

Nicholas Schiavone of ward E-2 took off for Fresno this week on a 30-day furlough.

Visitors

Lieut. Colonel H. W. Glasscock, MC, and Major H. G. Swonger, PC, from the Training Division in the office of the Surgeon General, were visitors at Letterman this week in connection with the residency training program of the Army Medical Department.

A salesman in a rustic district noted that his prospect's grocery was stocked with nothing but salt.

"Hm," he said, "You must sell lots of salt."

"Nah," replied the groceryman, "I don't sell no salt hardly at all. But the guy who sells it to me—HE sells lots of salt."

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM P. GOFF
Private First Class

William Paul Goff, patient on ward 30, is making his mark in murder circles these days, but it's not what you think. He has written three scripts for the weekly "Who's Guilty?" show broadcast over Letterman's radio station KLGH. The first two, one of which was titled "They Say It's Murder," were concerned with the detecting activities of private eye Tad Henry, and Inspector Mars, and Bill is now working on a series involving another set of characters.

These scripts are the first writing Bill has done, but writing radio scripts seems to be duck soup for him. He's learning other aspects of radio work, such as announcing and acting, and is even finding out how to run the control board.

"Everyone on the KLGH staff has been very cooperative about helping me out," says Bill. "I particularly want to thank John Miller, Dale Wights and Monty Masters."

Bill's home is in Los Angeles, and before he was in the Army he worked as a salesman for three years. He joined the Army in January 1944, and after four months at Fort Knox, Kentucky, was sent overseas. He served in France and Germany as a tank driver with the Second Armoured Division. He returned to the States in November 1945, and re-enlisted, this time with the Third Constabulary Regiment of horse cavalry. He was sent back to Germany and did police work on the border of the Russian-American zone. He was injured on duty in December 1946, and after hospitalization in Germany was sent back again to the States last March, when he came to Letterman.

He wants to do radio work when he returns to civilian life, and plans to attend school at the Theatre Arts Colony here in San Francisco.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mary Felty was guest of honor at a stork shower given Monday by her co-workers in the Library. Those present were Leah Frisby, Helen Jones, Hilda Allen, and Betty Reeve. Two former librarians were also present: Alfreda Matthews and Charlotte Smith.

Regina Pope, ward S-1, is back from a vacation in southern California with reports of a good time.

"Time on My Hands" is the tune Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, is singing nowadays as she sits home and embroiders.

May Fewer, PX, reports that business in the Baby Department is picking up. She also compliments Vera Hargrove, PX buyer, on the type of buying she does for PX.

Rumors were flying, but they have now been confirmed. Mrs. Helen Collins, formerly of the Officers Pay Section, is expecting a blessed event in October.

Catherine Sannazari, formerly of Morning Report Section, and Andrew Guglielmino, Jr. formerly a detachment man at Letterman, will be married at St. Vincent's church in Petaluma this morning at 10:30 a. m. They will reside in Portland, where Andrew will continue in college.

Martha Phillips has returned from a month's vacation, during which time she visited in New York, Boston, and Chicago. She drove East, but returned by plane. She is now in the Record Room, where she is working as secretary on the Nurses' Retiring Board, having transferred from Separation Center.

Jean Jajala, Record Room, is leaving Letterman next week, and all her friends are bidding her a reluctant goodbye.

Pearl Alig, Person Affairs, resigned this week, and will visit in Texas before returning to Louisiana, where she will live until her husband, Robert, is discharge from the Army. After that happy day, they will make their home in Kansas.

Annette Feller, ward S-1, was a very disappointed little gal when she went to Russian River anticipating acquiring a sun-tan and receiving only rain. Better luck next time, we hope.

Arlene Chapman, ward S-1, is vacationing in Colorado, while Mr. Murray Pickard, also of ward S-1, has returned from a trip to Arkansas.

LT. KIMPTON HAS LIKED EVERY ONE OF HER ARMY ASSIGNMENTS



First Lieut. MARGARET A. KIMPTON, WAC
Who is assisting with the ANC and WMSC Integration Program at LGH

Lieutenant Margaret Kimpton is one of those rare individuals who is enthusiastic about all of her Army assignments. "I've enjoyed everything I've had to do in the Army," she says. And if the bill is passed which will make the WAC a part of the Regular Army, Lieutenant Kimpton plans to continue in Army life.

She was born in Missouri, but has lived in California for a number of years. Her home was in Fresno before she joined the Army. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where she majored in social service, and she later did social service work at the Fresno County Hospital.

In May 1943 she joined the WAC, and after induction at Los Angeles, went to the Fifth WAC Training Center at Monticello, Arkansas, for her basic training. Her first assignment was at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, where she was with the Ballistics Research Laboratory, and computed

firing tables for anti-aircraft experiments.

She was a member of the first WAC OCS class at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. After receiving her commission she was assigned to duty with Signal Intelligence in Washington, D. C., and spent nearly two years there. In November 1945 she was sent to Camp Beale, at Marysville, California, and did separation counseling at the Separation Center. Last month she came to Letterman, where she is assisting with the Regular Army integration program for the Army Nurse Corps and the new Women's Medical Specialist Corps. She is particularly happy to be at Letterman because she has a number of acquaintances on the post and a lot of her friends live in the Bay area.

Lieutenant Kimpton's nickname is "Kim." "I don't have any special hobbies," she says, "unless you count reading a hobby. I am very fond of exploring, and since I have a car, I take every opportunity to find new places to see."

MORE ON MANPOWER

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be considered for reduction. Men who consistently fall below minimum standards will not be permitted to reenlist.

By these methods the incapable and inefficient will be weeded out as the upgrading of the capable and efficient takes place.

The War Department analysis of Army jobs now being made will show whether preparation for them will require apprentice training, training in Army schools, training in civilian schools, self-study, a combination of these, or any other training. Many jobs will be learned by the apprentice system—that is, by actual performance of the job. Some job requirements may be met by taking self-study courses under the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). Some will call for attendance at Army training schools; others, attendance at civilian schools or colleges.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that the nature and extent of training the Army makes available are limited and guided strictly by the Army's needs. These needs are many. They cover many fields that are of importance in civil life as well as to the Army, but the number of "openings" in any field will be definite. So at all levels above corporal, in all specialties, and in all schools, quotas will be established and maintained to avoid having either too many or too few trained men for the number of openings.

Although changes are probable, it is expected that the new career plan will contain most of the provisions outlined here. Its object, in the words of the Director of Personnel and Administration, War Department General Staff, is "to widen the horizon of the enlisted man, to give him more stability and greater opportunity, and to let him know when he comes into the Army what his opportunities are."

The new plan will let every soldier know just where he stands at all times. His ceiling will be limited only by his own efforts and capabilities.

A Negro preacher began his sermon: "Brethren and sisters, here you is comin' to pray for rain. I'd like to ask you one question: Where is yo' umbrellas?"

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Registration for the San Francisco Junior College Summer Session will be on the 20th and 21st of June. All students wishing transportation, please contact E/R Office, Bldg. 1039, by Thursday, 19 June. Transportation will leave E/R Office at 0800 on these two dates. Be sure to have a transcript of your high school credits with you when you go; fill out a Form 47; have your Medical Officer approve your attendance.

Some of the courses which are being offered during the Summer Session are: Art, Accounting, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Biology, Zoology, Sociology, Botany, Chemistry, Engineering, English, Speech, Office Training, Business Economics, Communications Skills, Economics, Floriculture, French, German, Spanish, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Mathematics, Photography, History, Geography, Hygiene, Physical Education, Journalism and Philosophy.

Tennis Tournament

The Championship Sixth Army Tennis Tournament will be conducted from 17 June through 22 June, and Letterman General Hospital has been designated as the "host post." Contestants from installations throughout the Sixth Army area, which includes the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona, will be playing in this tournament.

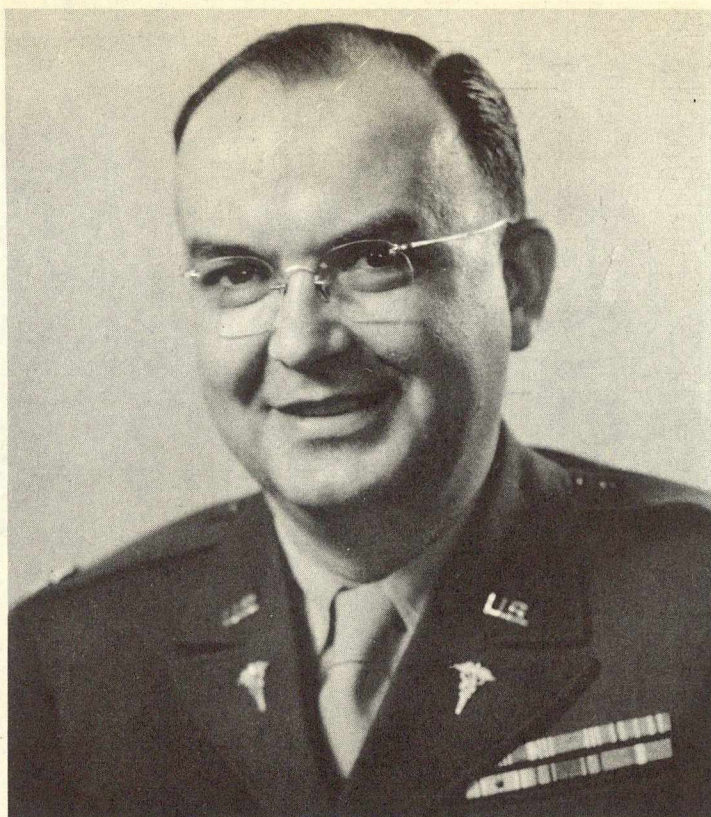
There will be two divisions, a singles and a doubles. The singles competition will be conducted on a double elimination basis and the doubles will be played as a single elimination event.

Winners of both divisions will be sent to Washington, D. C., where they will have a chance to try out for the team which will represent the entire Army in the Leach Trophy Tournament. To play in the Leach Trophy Tournament is the ultimate goal of every Army tennis enthusiast, because this event is the yearly competition between the best in the Army and Navy.

Officer to court-martialed GI: "Have you any last request to make before I give the firing squad the order to fire?"

GI: "Yes, does this mean that I can't re-enlist?"

HE'S BUILDING HIS OWN CABIN CRUISER FOR BAY FISHING TRIPS



Captain PAUL J. LOWDER, MAC
New Chief of Letterman's Separation Center

You might say that Captain Paul J. Lowder, MAC, who last week was appointed Chief of Letterman's Separation Center, has been occupied principally with personnel problems both in and out of the Army. As a civilian, Captain Lowder was with the U. S. Employment Service in Iowa, his native state, handling an area covering four counties. And in the Army, he has dealt with every sort of personnel problem, from reception to separation.

He entered the Army in June 1942, and his first assignment was as chief of Interview and Classification Section at the Reception Center at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He spent more than two years there, then attended Officers Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After receiving his commission he was sent overseas to the Pacific Theatre as Military Personnel officer with the 315th General Hospital. Most of his overseas duty was on Luzon.

Upon his return to the states in January 1946 he was stationed for a short time at Fitzsimons General Hospital, and was then assigned to

duty as Separation Counseling officer and Classification and assignment officer at Bruns General Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He came to Letterman last December when Bruns closed, and after a short time in Military Personnel here was assigned as assistant separation officer.

Captain Lowder and his wife Ruthene live in Richmond, where Mrs. Lowder is instructor in a child care center. The Lowders are the proud possessors of a valuable Boxer dog, dona de Santa Fe, worth \$1500. The dog placed in both the Golden Gate Dog Show in San Francisco and in the Oakland show, winning two firsts, two seconds and a third award. The Lowders plan to begin raising blooded Boxer in the near future.

Captain Lowder is at present busy building a boat—a four-place cabin cruiser—which he intends to use for week end cruising around the Bay. He says he has always been an ardent fisherman, having lived near lakes and rivers all his life. He expects to have the work on the boat completed by the first of August.

He Enlisted the Entire Class

Men attached to the Army Recruiting Service are presently concentrating all their efforts in a campaign designed to enlist as many of this year's high school graduating seniors as possible in the Regular Army.

Sgt. Ben Mouras, a recruiter attached to the Stockton, Calif., Main Station, USARS, announced last week that he had scored a pint-sized scoop by enlisting the entire graduating class of the Ione High School up his way, with the exception of two ineligible seniors. Joker in the deal was that the male graduates consisted of just three boys, and with two not qualified for enlistment, that only left one prospect to convince. That man, however, has already signed up for the AAF and is ready to take off as soon as the ink is dry on his diploma.

Tennis Match

The Letterman General Hospital tennis team played an intra-Presidio match with Fort Scott Wednesday afternoon, 4 June. The LGH team was represented by Sergeant Cornel, a Letterman patient, Pfc. Morrison, a station complement enlisted man, and Lieutenant Colonel Ficicchy, Captain Branthaver, and Captain Hutchenson, officers assigned to this hospital. Sergeant Cornel and Captain Twining opposed each other in the best match of the day, with Cornel coming out on top 9-7, 3-1.

As soon as the team rounds into shape, matches with other organizations are contemplated. Qualified interested patients are urged to use the Physical Reconditioning tennis facilities provided at the gymnasium.

Appointment

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen C. Sitter, M. C., has been appointed Assistant Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division, according to a recent announcement by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General. Colonel John M. Caldwell is Chief of the division.

"Stand up," shouted the Evangelist. "Stand up if you want to go to Heaven."

Everybody stood up but one old man.

"Don't you want to go to Heaven?" asked the preacher.

"Sure I do," replied the old man, but I ain't goin' with no excursion."



By SGT. DAVE MARKSON

(AFPS)—Shades o' Travis Jackson! The way the lads over on Coogan's Bluff are whoopin' it up these days you'd think that Matty, Turkey Mike Donlin, Hooks Wiltse, King Carl, Fordham Frankie and a dozen other Giants of old were back at the Polo Grounds and Brooklyn wasn't even in the league. A flop-eared Rookie named Clint Hartung has been breezing a Texas steamer past head-scratching hitters who were under the impression the kid was an outfielder. Long-jawed Buddy Kerr is covering more territory than a left fielder in the Williams shift, and the long suffering patrons of the PG are clamoring for their first pennant in ten grueling years. A batch of cousins like Jawn Mize, Walker Cooper, Bobby Thompson, Ernie Lombardi and Willard Marshall are turning National League pitching such a sickly green that—you know—they might get it at that!

But, chums, that ain't all. Remember a bunch of fellows named Ruth, Gehrig, Lazzeri, Rolfe, Combs and Meusel, who used to make every American League hurler look like a batting practice pitcher? Well, forget 'em. And forget Ruffing, Hoyt, Gomez, Pennick, Murphy, Pearson and Pipgras as well. It just happens that if and when the Giants wind up in their first World Series since 1937, they may well find themselves meeting the same club that set them down, four games to one, a short decade ago.

Ottville Fans Roar

Ottville fans are roaring, and their cheers are matched adequately by a bit of a din from over in the Bronx. When the Yankees can blast the best of Red Sox pitching for 40 runs in four games and hold the Beantown Bashers to a paltry five while sweeping a Stadium Series, look out!

The good news is that Joe DiMaggio's blasting bat is no longer a memory. It's as powerful a weapon as it was in bygone days—"bygone" being the inverted description of a small truckload of baseballs that slow-to-learn pitchers have tossed his way. Henrich is still Henrich and Keller is still Keller. Cast-off George McQuinn is flirting with fantastic figures in the mathematical tables, and Stirweiss, Bobby Brown, Robinson, Johnson and a few others have been hitting as often as loaded dice.

Jimmy Dykes is credited with calling Joe McCarthy a push-button manager. Picture Jimmy describing Bucky Harris, with a pitching staff that includes Allie Reynolds, Spud Chandler, Frank Shea, Joe Page, Don Johnson, Bill Bevens, Randy Gumpert and assorted others.



CAPTIVATING

Versatile Rosalind Russell, who handles both dramatic and comedy roles with equal facility, is currently on view in San Francisco in "The Guilt of Janet Ames"

Remember When

The teams have changed with the passing of the decade, big Joe himself being the lone regular from the subway series of years back. Chandler and Henrich were young Yank hopefuls who watched the proceedings from the dugout when the Bombers kayoed Hubbell, Melton and Schumacher on successive days, when the Mealticket came back to save one for the Giants, and when Gomez nosed out Melton and the Terrymen, 4-2, for the Yanks second of four straight Series triumphs. Of course, a fellow named Melvin Thomas Ott, whose 31 homers had something to do with getting the Giants into their last post season encounter, is still alive and kicking, but in a somewhat different capacity.

Yes, Bill Dickey may be done, and so may Lou Gehrig and Twinkletoes Selkirk and the rest, but the way the Yankees have been playing lately you wouldn't know it.

It may or may not happen, this all-New York World Series. There are few, though, who would regret it, Dodger rooters to the contrary. A Giant-Yankee fracas is perhaps the most natural bit of rivalry in the grab bag of sport. It would revive memories and be good for the soul.

Man the boats, men. We've got a river to cross!

Jim: "What're those things you're unpacking there?"

Joe: "They're pajamas."

Jim: "What's pajamas for?"

Joe: "Night clothes. Don't you have a pair?"

Jim: "Heck no, I'm no social rounder, when night comes I go to bed."



"After reading about all the accidents in city traffic, I've decided it's safer for me to re-enlist as a paratrooper."

—Courtesy California State Automobile Association

Six LGH Wards Get "Superior" Inspection Ratings

Six Letterman wards repeatedly received top ratings on inspection during the three-month period from 1 March through 31 May, according to a report by Major N. C. Robison, MAC, Hospital Inspector.

Ward F-1 received a "Superior" rating on 11 of the 12 inspections made during that time. The other five wards, all of which received "Superior" ratings on 10 of the 12 inspections, were: F-2, H-1, O-2, P-1 and 28.

Civil Service Examinations

Two examinations for which applications must be in by 18 June have been announced by the Civil Service Commission.

An examination will be given for Engineer Trainee, with employment in one of the following engineering branches: Agricultural, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, General. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62. Salaries range from \$2168 to \$2394 a year.

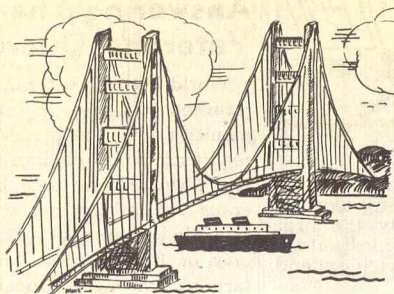
The other examination is for the position of Mechanical Trades Apprentice, with employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 19, but these age limits do not apply to persons entitled to veterans' preference. Salary is \$6.08 per day.

Further details on requirements of education and experience may be obtained from notices posted on the hospital bulletin boards or from the Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

The Stork Was Here

To Chaplain (Lt. Col.) and Mrs. Edwin L. Kirtley, a son, Paul, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 11 June at Fort Baker Hospital. Chaplain Kirtley is the Sixth Army staff chaplain.

The spiritual interpretation of life teaches us that all human life is sacred; that we are members one of another; that the things which we have in common are greater than those which divide; that each is his own brother's keeper. Those great truths have been given a new significance by the war.—W. L. Mackenzie King.



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Gen. Mark Clark Assumes Command Of Sixth Army

General Mark W. Clark arrived at the Presidio on Thursday afternoon and assumed command of the Sixth Army.

Major General George P. Hays, Deputy Commanding General of the 6th Army, escorted General Clark from the city to the reviewing stand on the Presidio parade ground where a group of high ranking officers and distinguished guests were present to witness the formal assumption of command followed by a parade and review. General Clark next adjourned to his office where he was interviewed by representatives of the press.

A formal reception at the Officers' Club followed where the new commanding general met the officers of his staff, the members of the Consular Corps of San Francisco, civic officials, and the leading citizens of the community.

Since June 1945 General Clark has been Commander-in-Chief of the United States Occupation Forces in Austria and United States High Commissioner for Austria. In March 1945 he was advanced to the grade of General, temporary, and on 22 June 1946 his appointment to the permanent rank of Major General was confirmed.

General Clark was born in Madison Barracks, N. Y., on 1 May 1896, son of Colonel Charles Carr Clark, U. S. Army, and Rebecca Clark. From the high school at Highland Park, Ill., he entered the United States Military Academy from which he received the B. S. degree in April 1917.

During World War I he served with the Fifth Division in France and the Third Army in Germany, and during the years between World Wars I and II his assignments included a three-year tour of duty,



General MARK W. CLARK, U. S. ARMY
Who assumed command of the Sixth Army on Thursday of this week.

from 1925 to 1928, here at the Presidio with the 30th Infantry.

In May 1942 General Clark became Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces, and the following month was designated as Commanding General of the II Corps. Shortly afterward he was designated as Commander of the Ground Forces in the ETO, later becoming Deputy Commander-in-Chief. He played a leading part in planning the invasion of North Africa.

The following January he was

designated as Commanding General of the Fifth Army, the first American Army to be activated in the ETO. Under General Clark's leadership the Fifth Army captured Rome, the first Axis capital to be liberated from the enemy, on 4 June 1944. A few months later General Clark was elevated to the Command of the 15th Army Group, comprising all the fighting forces in Italy.

In addition to numerous decorations received by General Clark
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Install New Speakers To Augment LGH Paging Facilities

The paging system at Letterman is currently being expanded to give more complete coverage both in the Main Hospital and the East Hospital. There is a separate paging system at Crissy Annex.

It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of June. At present there are paging speakers in the ward offices, but when the work now under way is finished, the facilities will be considerably augmented.

There will be a paging speaker in the corridor of each floor of the Administration Building, in the PX, the Grill, the laboratories, the conference room, Out-Patient Service, Veterans' Counseling Service, and in the Medical Library. Speakers will also be installed in several of the East Hospital Wards.

A number of program speakers, which make radio programs on four channels available to listeners, will also be installed. These will be complete with volume control.

The paging system at Letterman is a part of the program distribution system, coming through the facilities of radio station KLGH, where all maintenance work is performed.

Acting for the Sixth Army Signal office in supervising the installation of the new speakers are Leo McConnell, supervising engineer, and Peter Pichetto.

Paging service for the Main and East hospitals is handled from both the Information Office and the Receiving Office. The service for Crissy Annex is handled through the assistant adjutant's office at Crissy.

MEDICAL SUPPLY REPAIR AIDS ARMY THRIFT PROGRAM

The term Medical Supply covers a multitude of items, and here at Letterman the Medical Supply Branch is responsible for no less than 6,000 items. The branch handles all hospital equipment, furniture, linens, and office machines used at LGH, and their problem is not only one of supply, but of repair and salvage as well.

"Material turned in for repair is inspected on three counts," says Captain Russell J. Lyons, MAC, Medical Supply officer, "first, as to whether it can be repaired; second, whether it is worthy of repair; third, for cost of repair."

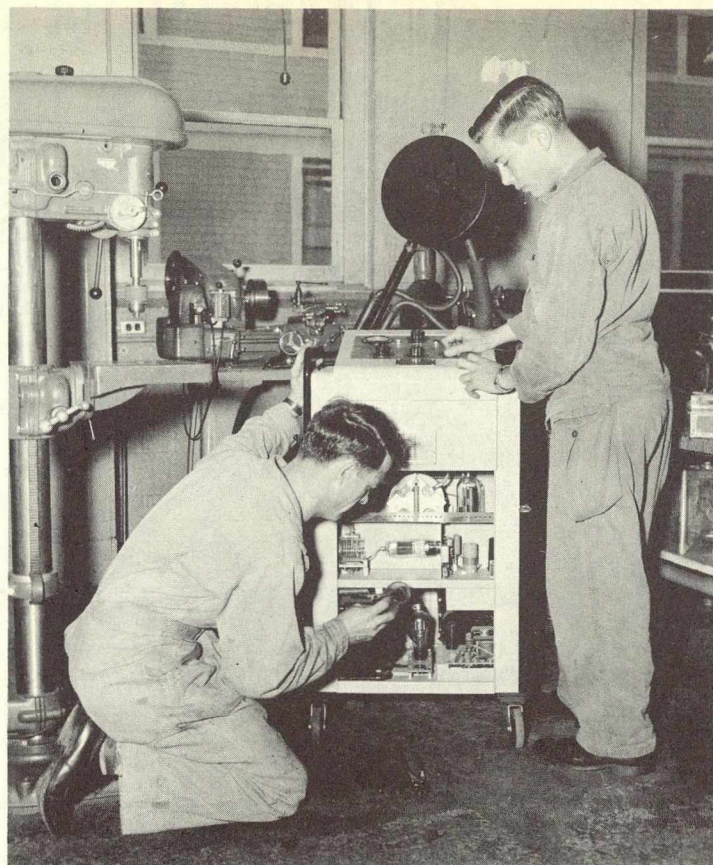
On critical items the Medical Department is authorized to spend for repair up to 50 per cent of the value of the item. If it is decided after inspection that the item is not repairable, it is turned over either to War Assets for sale, or to Salvage for disposal.

Those items on which repair is considered justified are put into condition in the Machine Shop here at Letterman, which handles everything from electrical equipment to furniture. Linen repairs are handled at the Laundry. Certain critical items which cannot be repaired here are sent to the St. Louis Medical Depot to be taken care of there, or are sent to the manufacturers' agencies.

The extensive program of Medical Supply repair carried on at Letterman is a part of the Army-wide reclamation program designed to prevent waste of any kind. In 1946, the Medical Department reconditioned equipment at approximately eight per cent of the procurement value.

In its housekeeping habits, the Army is like a thrifty old woman who allows not a single item to go to waste. It removes the copper base from discarded light bulbs and sells the metal to the local junk dealer. It takes wobbly old mess tables and cuts them down to standard-size dinettes. It does all its own repair work on automobiles. It sells the grease and tallow from its mess halls; it even charges for the removal of its garbage.

While most of the salvage minutiae and minor repair work are handled at the station level, the Army also maintains a vast network of reconditioning plants and reclamation depots, operated by the technical services. The Quartermaster Corps, which handles a preponderant number of civilian-type



REPAIRING SHORT-WAVE DIATHERMY MACHINE
in the Machine Shop at Letterman. L to R: Christopher Gannon, Corporal Richard Fenimore.

items, offers the most understandable yardstick for measuring these activities. To its repair shops comes a total of 7000 different types of worn or damaged articles, including not only clothing and textiles, but such varied objects as musical instruments and fumigation chambers, coffee roasters and typewriters.

During the first year of postwar operations in the United States, its Maintenance Branch reclaimed, repaired, and returned to Army stocks for reissue nearly \$150,000,000 worth of equipment, at a labor cost of nine per cent of the value involved, with an additional five per cent for repair material. Thus, for an investment of only \$21,000,000, the Army saved the taxpayers \$129,000,000.

This figure does not include revenue realized from the sale of salvaged property and small lots at the station level, which, in 1946, reached \$67,000,000; nor does it embrace reclamation savings of other technical services. For example, the

Ordnance Department, with its tanks and heavier type of equipment, processed some 330,000 tons of material during the past year, reconditioning property valued at \$354,000,000.

During the war, with clothing and textile repair work constituting about 67 per cent of its activities, the Quartermaster Corps' Maintenance Branch fought a constant battle against worn coat cuffs, ripped pockets, and frayed buttonholes. Now such repair work comprises only 17 per cent of the Branch's workload, and items of equipage and general supply predominate. Since the past summer, the huge backlog accumulated during the war—which runs the gamut from cranes and tractors to field desks and bed linen—has been gradually reduced from a total of 260,000,000 pieces to 143,000,000. During December, which was typical, 18 million items were handled.

To cope with this task of saving the Yankee dollar, the Quartermaster Corps maintains five giant

classification centers. From all over the United States and overseas, military items funnel into these centers for appraisal. If beyond repair, they are transferred to salvage depots attached to the classification centers. If declared surplus, they are assigned to the War Assets Administration, through which agency they are sold to the public. If found to be serviceable without repair, they are returned immediately to Army stocks; and, if in need of repair, they are sent to specialized shops maintained by the Quartermaster Corps in key cities throughout the country.

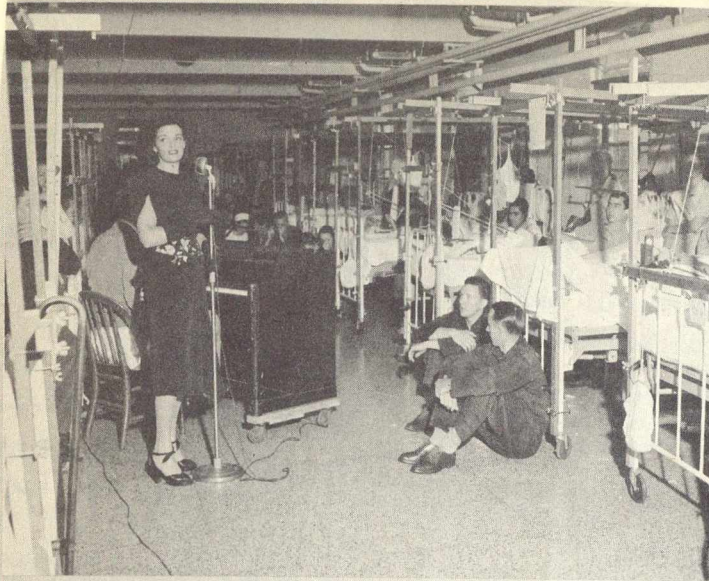
Whenever possible, these repair shops are located in centers of industries where work coincides with that of the Army, thus facilitating the recruitment of skilled artisans and the procurement of supplies. Typewriters and office supplies are repaired at Chicago and Charlotte; heavy tentage and canvas at Philadelphia and Odgen; general supplies, such as kitchen utensils, field desks, and folding cots, at San Antonio and Jeffersonville; special purpose vehicles at Camp Lee.

Perhaps the most unusual of these shops is that devoted to repairing military band instruments at the Philadelphia depot. Here the array of damaged instruments symbolizes all the sad horn blowers of the Army. Here is found the dented tuba, the bass drum with the bashed-in face, the broken-keyed piccolo, the trombone with the defaced silver plating. All are grist to the Army repair mill.

Not a single item is overlooked in the Army's hausfrau policy of economy. At posts, camps, and stations, old sheets and pillow cases are ripped up and used as cleaning rags. Damaged footlockers find their way to the Corps of Engineers, to be utilized as lumber for crating and shipping. Salvaged typewriters are stripped down for spare parts stock. Worn-out uniforms are cut up into scrap wool, with the buttons going to the buyers of brass. Salvage tentage is used on trucks when tarpaulin is unavailable. Fruit hampers, egg crates, waste paper—everything that the Army is unable to use—is put on the market. Even gas masks do not escape cannibalization. When thousands of them were recently demilitarized, the canisters were sold to toy manufacturers, who turned them into toy

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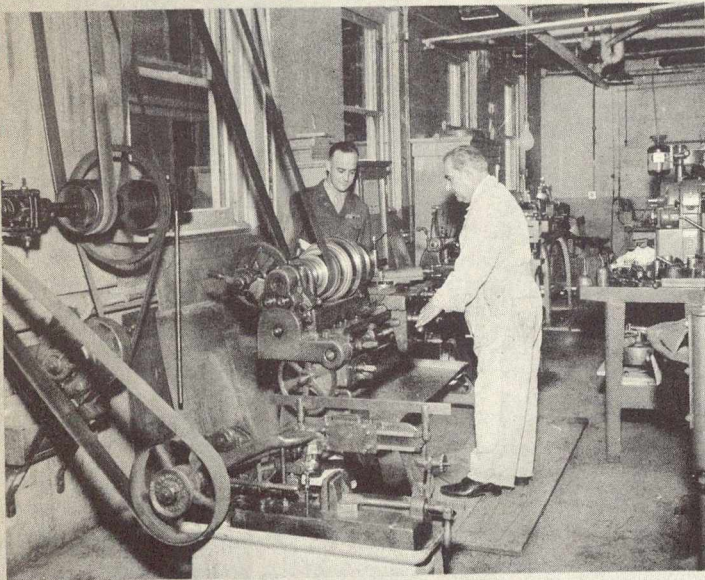
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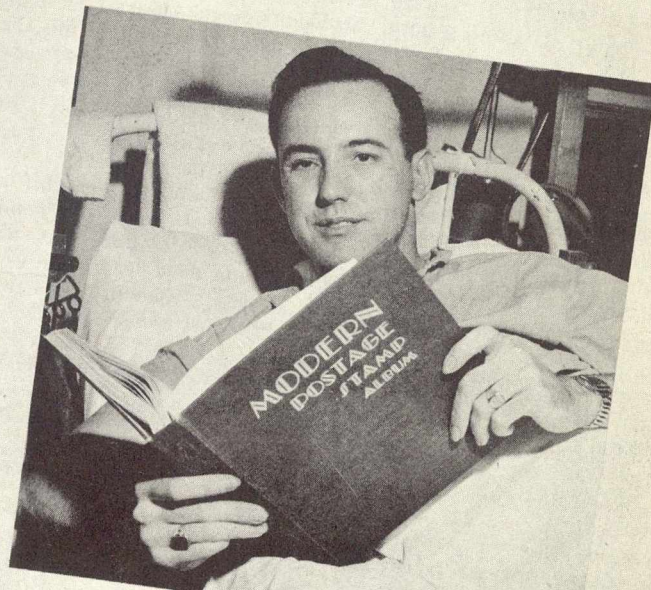
JANE RUSSELL SINGS FOR THE PATIENTS
on Ward E-2, and a record crowd from other wards gathers to look and listen.



PROMOTIONS
Major Paul W. MacCoy, MAC, detachment CO, congratulates 27 detachment men on their promotions to Private First Class.



IN THE MACHINE SHOP
Captain Russell J. Lyons, MAC, Chief of Medical Supply, looks on while Joseph de Freitas, civilian in charge of the Machine Shop, works on the lathe.



STAMP CLUB ENTHUSIAST
Elvin Wall of Owensboro, Kentucky, patient on ward E-2 and member of the Letterman Stamp Club, looks over his stamp collection.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SAVING TIME

The average person has trouble saving money. He thinks about his money troubles, talks about them, tries to do something about them. There is another commodity of equal importance—time. In fact, there is that well-known statement "Time is money," which has been quoted so often that it is trite. But trite or not, it's still a good idea to stop occasionally and take stock of how you are using your time.

Are you using it profitably? As Arnold Bennett pointed out in his thought-provoking book "How To Live On Twenty-Four Hours a Day," the distribution of time is not at all like the distribution of money.

There is an equal share for everyone. We all get the same allowance—24 hours a day. We can't use it in advance, nor can we save it and use it later. But we can save it by planning how to use it to the best advantage.

Every day there is a fresh 24-hour supply for each of us. And saving time pays dividends just as saving money pays dividends. Sometimes the dividends are in cash, sometimes in intangibles, but it's a good idea to have a time budget and plan in advance what to do with that precious and rapidly disappearing 24 hours.

Don't make the time budget too rigid. If you do you may junk the whole project because



Two newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff this week. Major Carrie Barrett arrived from 1st Army Headquarters, New York, and Captain Ruth S. Porter came from Pratt General Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida. Major Barrett is not actually a newcomer to Letterman—this is her second tour of duty here. Her first was in 1942.

The Physical Therapists also welcomed a newcomer this week—Second Lieut. Betty Hearne, who came to Letterman from Pratt General Hospital.

First Lieut. Ida Mae Weber, ANC, anesthesia student detachment, is spending a leave in Los Angeles.

Second Lieut. Naomi Meilicke, of the dietitians staff, spent last week end enjoying herself in Los Angeles.

Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, received orders this week which will take her to Madigan General Hospital on temporary duty. She will be on the screening board for Womens' Medical Specialist Corps integration, and will be gone from 60 to 90 days. In her absence, First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff will be in charge.

Two chief dietitians were Letterman visitors last week — Captain Ruth Anderson of Fort Ord, and Captain Ruth Boyd of Madigan General Hospital. Captain Boyd was formerly at Letterman as a civilian dietitian.

First Lieutenant Emily Mueller and M. Denne Kuntz were hostesses at a promotion party at the Letterman Club last week, and Miss Connie Kerr of P. T. was also one of the hostesses.

Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it. — Descartes.

It makes too many demands on you. Plan so that you will have a flexible, well-balanced ration of time for accomplishments, time for recreation, time for living an orderly life.

Time management is as important as money management.

WAC

Out of the hospital and on a 19-day furlough is Frances Black, who is visiting friends and relatives in Los Angeles.

Vera Barneke is on inactive duty due to a wisdom tooth playing havoc with her jaw. . . . staying in the barracks in the daytime is a new experience for Vera, and she does not commit herself as to whether she enjoys this role.

All members of the 3-F club are happy to report that this club is inactivated until further notice. Membership included the majority of the girls from barracks 213. For complete information concerning the aims and objectives of the club consult Virginia Hill or Anna Christensen.

Anyone around the area this past weekend could not have failed to see Captain Chapin in the role of farmerette. Between the useful cultivation of the newly planted seeds by the friendly cocker, Patty, Captain Chapin spent the better part of the time acquiring a beautiful tan and giving the grounds a special barber job.

Not enough members of the detachment took advantage of the special Father's Day dinner given last Sunday. In keeping with their reputation, the NCO Club served a delicious turkey dinner with all its trimmings.

Two love birds are back in sight and hearing again. That is, when they are not in the Day Room, for their owner, Carolyn Fix, has returned from the hospital and we in 212 have the opportunity of listening to the cooing romance of these feathered creatures.

Margaret Brady Drescher has lost a few pounds, only, she says, to have them gained by her husband. When asked about meals, she laughed heartily . . . cooking is an art which Margaret has exploited to such an extent that Sgt. Drescher declared the chicken served to company last week was old enough to have received its pension years ago . . . but one cannot take this too seriously, for one does not gain weight on tough birds, no?

Back to the prairie lands of the good old Lone Star state, Texas, is our first sergeant, Sgt. Glenn, who is visiting her parents and friends in Kilgore.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 22 June, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

10,000 Regular Army Commissions on Tap Under New Tour Plan

(AFPS)—New plans to integrate 10,000 young officers into the Regular Army during a five-year period beginning July 1, 1947, have been announced by the War Department.

Candidates for Regular Army commissions will be accepted for competitive tours of active duty for one year's duration. During this tour, all candidates must demonstrate fitness for appointment.

This method of choosing men for Regular Army Commissions is similar to the Thomason Act in existence prior to World War II.

The first competitive tour is scheduled to begin July 1, with a second to get under way Jan. 1, 1948. Successful candidates will be commissioned in the Regular Army the July 1st or Jan 1st following termination of the one-year tour.

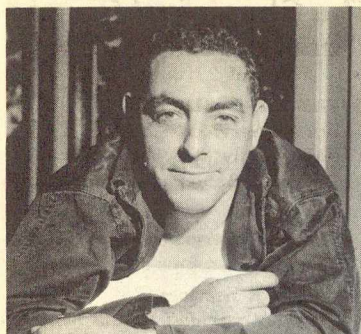
Applicants must have completed two years of college and be between the ages of 21 and 25 years. They must agree to remain in service for a minimum period of two years.

Officers not selected at termination of the competitive tour must remain on active duty until completion of the two-year period they agreed to serve.

Former AUS officers who are not on active duty as well as officers rejected in the present Regular Army integration program are eligible to file applications for these competitive tours.

Applications must be filed 60 days prior to the starting date of each tour. Application forms are available at all posts, camps, stations, Army Recruiting Offices and Military Headquarters.

ON THE SPOT



BLASE A. GEMETTE
Corporal

From the time he entered the Army on September 13, 1943, until he "came out of the shell" of his cast last Friday the 13th, Corporal Blase Gemette of ward E-1, better known as Jim, has found the date 13 marking a series of events in his Army life. He returned to the States from overseas duty on the 13th, and went to surgery on the 13th. But is he superstitious? Of course not!

Jim has been looking at life from a gurney for the past four months and even in that status he managed to make himself practically ambulatory propelling the gurney under his own power with the aid of two cans. He says that now that he's looking at the world vertically instead of horizontally, "the altitude is knocking me out!"

Though he's a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, he grew up in San Jose, California, and regards that as his home town. Before the war he worked as a machinist for the Josuha-Hende Iron Works at Sunnyvale.

After that September 13 on which he joined the Army he was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training. A short time later he went overseas with the 77th Infantry Division, and served on Guam and in the Philippines. He was wounded at Ormac in December 1944, and after being hospitalized in the Philippines for six weeks, was flown back to the States, to Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs. Later he was a patient at Bushnell General Hospital. He came to Letterman in December 1945. He has learned leather work since he has been in the hospital, and intends to do it commercially.

Now that he is up and about again, even though still on crutches, he plans to do some serious fishing.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Lettermanites wished all kinds of good luck to **John (Mickey) Condan** this week when he left the hospital to resume civilian life. Mickey refers to himself as "one of the old E-1 bunch," though he was on ward 29 when he left. While he was at Letterman he took up leather work as a hobby, but the hobby is about to become a business. Mickey is taking over the crafts and leather department of the Malm Luggage Company at 230 Post Street (next door to Gump's), and will carry a complete line of leather goods, do luggage repair work, and make purses, billfolds, key cases, and other leather articles on special order. He won't lose touch with Letterman, because a number of the patients here will be doing work for him. He says all work turned out by his department will be done by disabled veterans.

Peter Vietti of ward C-12 is making a hooked rug with an interesting floral design. He says it's his first and may be the only rug he'll make, but at least it's something to do while he listens to the radio programs. Who knows, maybe he'll get to like the work and even become addicted to it?

The lucky people who cashed in on the UASFI Quiz Show last week to the extent of a silver dollar each were: **Kenenth Heinz, Richard Daniel, Thomas Blake, Jasper Williams, Maynard I. Wisel, James W. Cordell, Marshall Rothrock, Floyd Watkins, Melvin Dennard, Walter Lee King, Emon Parker, James W. Hammer, Ralph Talsky, Manuel Avila, Allen Baltiste, George Bell, Robert Pearson, Kirt LeCamp, L. A. Ross, Hardy Ward, Samuel Tate, Tony La-faro.**

Joe Perdue of Denver, Colorado, patient on war E-1, was posing for his picture one day this week while his family looked on approvingly. His wife, Virginia, his young daughter, **Sharon Ann**, and the baby, **Gary Joe**, were all on hand to see the results. The picture was being done by the artist **Gill Richard Sharp**, who is at Letterman making

He is already an active member of the Letterman Angler's Club. Right now he's preparing for a 30-day furlough, to be sept at his home in San Jose.

sketches of patients as part of the USO-Camp Shows service to hospitalized veterans.

Here's an opportunity for hospital patients with writing ambitions. The **Midwestern Writers' Conference** is offering four prizes to encourage creative writing by long-time hospitalized veterans. The group most highly recommended by the Red Cross, Veterans Administration, and hospital librarians will receive the "World Book Encyclopedia," including free research service. A \$25 prize will go to the hospitalized veteran and collaborator submitting the best feature or fiction manuscript. Name and address of both are requested. Two \$10 prizes are offered, respectively, for the best feature article outline and letter on "Why I Want to Write." Entries and group nominations should be mailed before 1 July to **Hospitalized Veteran Contest**, Midwestern Writers' Conference, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Ill.

Patrick Glennan of ward C-2 can tell a lurid story of the bandits who took \$350 away from him in East Los Angeles at the point of a gun. "I grabbed the gun," he says, "but I got the wrong end," and holds out his bandaged right hand to show the results. And after losing that \$350, it just doesn't seem right that he continues to lose—at Casino to **John B. Smith**, a fellow patient on the ward.

John Smith, the above-mentioned Casino wizard, is from El Paso, Texas, and like another patient mentioned on this page, he goes for the number 13. Born on 13 February, wounded 13 November, admitted to the hospital 13 February, and went to surgery 13 June—that's how the chronicle goes. John's been in the Army eleven years, served in the Pacific during the war, and is planning to run those eleven years up to twenty before he says good-bye to the Army.

On the morning of a world series game an office boy braced his boss and started, "Sir, my grandmother . . ." The boss caught him short.

"Oh, come now, son, you don't think you are going to get away with that old chestnut about your grandmother having died?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "She's home on furlough."

WAC OF THE WEEK



JUETTE L. PLUMLEY
Private First Class

Pfc. Julette Lorraine Plumley likes jobs that keep her on the go, and in her present assignment in the Message Center she has one that certainly answers that requirement. At present she's hoping for an overseas assignment, and doesn't care whether it takes her to the Pacific or to the ETO, just so long as it takes her.

Julette was born in Des Moines, Iowa, but has lived in Oregon, near Portland, since she was 14. In occupations, Julette shows a decided preference to work beginning with "W", having so far been a waitress, a welder and a WAC.

She joined the Army in September 1944, and went back to her native town of Des Moines for her basic training. Her first assignment was at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation at Wilmington, California, where she worked in the Identification Office. In December 1945, she was sent to Fort McDowell, on Angel Island, and after four months there, went to Camp Stoneman, and was assigned to duty as a driver. This proved to be her favorite occupation in the Army to date, having plenty of variety.

Campe Beale and discharge came next. "And then," says Julette, "I went home to Oregon and was a farmer for a while." In March of this year she re-enlisted, and came to Letterman and the Message Center.

In her free time she likes shows and dancing, and also sewing. The sewing is of a practical nature, too, because she can and does make her own clothes (civilian, that is, of course), and turns out everything from dresses and suits to hats.

Bride: I made this cake all by myself.

Neighbor: But who helped to lift it out of the oven?

CIVIL CIRCLES

Miss Mary Berteling was welcomed to Letterman this week as new civilian head of Occupational Therapy. Miss Berteling, whose home is in Washington, D. C., has been at Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey. She will replace Miss Dorothy Sniffen, who is resigning the end of this month.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Genevieve Carson, Military Personnel, and Dan Harrison.

Mary Bensen of Civil Personnel is making excited preparations for a trip to Montreal, Quebec, as delegate to the annual convention of Young Christian Workers, a Catholic youth organization. Mary is president of the San Francisco group. She is making the trip in a four-passenger private plane, and expects to have a lot of exciting events to report on her return.

Evelyn Ford, Military Personnel, is vacationing "deep in the heart of Texas" and having a wonderful time.

Mary Lerner, Dental Clinic, is renewing acquaintanceship with school friends in Los Angeles during her vacation. She left by plane from Mills Field last Saturday.

The activities planned by Gloria Crisafulli, Military Personnel, and her husband Paul while on vacation at Yosemite are hiking, swimming, dancing and horseback riding. They will need a vacation to recuperate from a vacation!

John Schutz, Photo Lab, is moving his headquarters to the Photography department at the University of California. We hear that he approves of the local scenery and color. Especially brunettes!

Frances Clarke, Military Personnel and her husband were seen bicycle riding in Golden Gate Park and reports have it they were really tearing along.

Maggie Trumpour of Finance office found Friday the 13th anything but unlucky. It was her birthday, and she was the happy recipient of many gifts from her friends in the office.

Helen Lund, Payroll Section, was the surprised recipient of a box of candy this week. A secret admirer?

Warren Colin, Civilian Personnel, is planning a trip to Carmel in the very near future.

Girl to boy friend: "I didn't say it was a small diamond; I just said it looked as if it were all paid for."

BEEJAY THE BAMBINA BRONZED AND BEAUTIFUL BLISSFULLY BASED HERE



Second Lieut. ELIZABETH J. STEVENSON, MDD
Youngest officer on the LGH staff

If we were strong for alliteration we could introduce the female feature of the week as "Beejay the Bambina" because she happens to be the youngest and most recent of our female commissioned staff. She has a name, of course, and is formally known as Second Lieutenant Elizabeth J. Stevenson, MDD, assigned to the Dietetics Division. "Beejay" is a contraction for Betty J.

The youthful lieutenant was born in Salt Lake City but in infancy she moved with her family to Las Vegas, Nevada. Yes, she LIVES in Las Vegas and we think that is a distinction. Up to now we heard of many people going to Las Vegas, or passing through Las Vegas, but we were not quite prepared to accept the fact that people LIVED there.

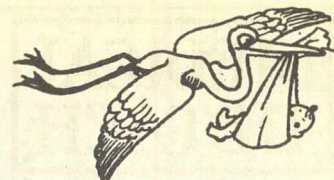
Beejay says there is nothing unusual about that and she was all ready to quote the Chamber of Commerce statistics on the number of churches, schools, and hospitals in the community as well as the figures on the permanent population. We stopped her by conceding we could not argue against facts. She went through grammar and high

school in Las Vegas and then went back to the University of Utah for her B. S. in foods and nutrition.

The next step was a natural one to Lawson General Hospital School for Dietitians where Beejay spent nine months before going over to Brooke General Hospital to complete the course. She was graduated 1 September 1946 and then took a long leave of absence from work of any kind. In April of this year she decided to join the army and reported 1 May to Letterman for duty. At the moment she has not decided whether or not to become a "30 year woman" but she will have 25 months in which to make up her mind.

Lieut. Stevenson spends her working hours in the Special Diets Mess but is a real out of doors girl as is evidenced by her coat of golden tan. Her first choice in sports is swimming and she goes all the way over to Oakland to find water warm enough for personal dunking.

The next time we pass through Las Vegas we will look longer at the natives and less at the one armed bandits with which the community abounds. If there are any more like Beejay the natives are worth looking at.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Andrews, a boy, **John Hollis**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 3 June.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. James Culbert, a girl, **Virginia Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 8 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Calvin J. Vanderkar, a boy, **Randy Kent**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 12 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Charlie R. Beasley, a girl, **Pamela Marie**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 12 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Max G. McKinley, a girl, **Patricia Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 12 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles Toombs, a boy, **Michael Xavier**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 14 June.

HOMESTATE

Boston (AFPS)—When Richard Rogers was felled by a bullet from the gun of Patrolman David Ahearn during an attempted robbery, doctors sent out a call for blood donors. The first to respond was the policeman who fired the shot.

Bar Harbor, Me. (AFPS)—An apartment house will be erected here but it won't help the housing situation. Its tenants will be 150,000 mice. The three-story structure will be part of a memorial laboratory for cancer research.

Oklahoma City (AFPS)—Paul Burns leaned against a light post. A short circuit in the wiring melted the anchor bolts and the metal post crashed into the street. Paul fainted. When he regained consciousness, he shouted, "I didn't do it. I was just waiting for a bus."

Spokane (AFPS)—Mrs. Irene Miller testified in a divorce suit that her husband frightened her with a cat-o-nine-tails, had been in an asylum, had never been adjudged sane and beat her with a broiler. Her husband denied nothing except the beating. He said he hit her only three times with a lunch bucket.

San Francisco (AFPS)—A teamster asked police how to get his horse and wagon across Oakland Bay. By bridge? Not allowed. By ferry? Not unless the horse is crated. The teamster had to travel three days to take the horse and wagon 75 miles by a land route. It takes about 15 minutes to go over the bridge—by car, of course.

MEDICAL DETACH

Wedding bells rang for Pfc. Wilbur Monson of the Information Office and Frances Judd of San Rafael on 7 June. Definite plans for a honeymoon have been postponed until Pfc. Monson is released from the Army.

Must be contagious or somethin' getting three day passes and then not going anywhere. This time it was David Lipka, Medical Service, and Bennie Dawson, Ground & Maintenance, who reported they did nothing in particular, just "loafed around."

A hearty welcome is extended to T/5 Bob Richardson, who arrived from Pratt General Hospital and is now at work in Occupational Therapy.

Robert Alig, Detachment of Patients, is literally counting the days until he is discharged from the Army and can join his wife, Pearl, in Kansas, where they will make their home.

Cpl. Bill Preston, Message Center, is sporting a sun-burned face which he hopes will eventually turn into a tan. He got the sun burn while fishing at San Pablo over the week end.

On the list of the activities scheduled during his three-day pass, T/5 John Davis has included a sight-seeing tour of San Francisco.

Eric P. Matthews, Provost Marshal, entertained relatives from Birmingham, Alabama, during his three day pass this week.

Jimmy J. Low, Military Personnel, took a 7 day furlough to help his dad run his grocery business in Oakland during a rush period.

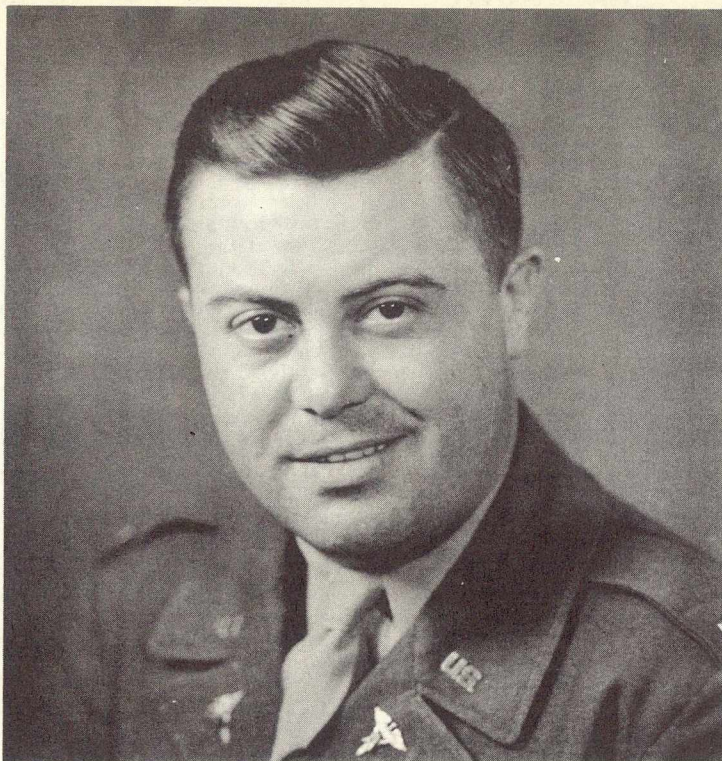
Pfc. James H. Perry, Dietetics Branch went deep-sea fishing during a recent 3-day pass.

Sgt. Edward Sechen of Dietetics Branch went to Sacramento this week on a 3-day pass to visit relatives who are here from the East. He plans to spend part of the three days helping T/4 Billy Seale of the Detachment office overhaul his car.

T/5 Wesley Coyner, Jr., of Physical Therapy, is spending a 10-day furlough visiting relatives in Tulare.

Pfc. Robert E. Ritter of Medical Supply went home to Paragon, Indiana, on an emergency furlough to visit his mother and brother, who are both in the hospital.

HE HAS A BACKGROUND OF ELEVEN YEARS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



First Lieutenant CLIFFORD W. HAYDEN, MAC
Receiving Officer at Letterman

First Lieutenant Clifford W. Hayden, MAC, who was recently appointed Receiving Officer at Letterman, has been in the Army since 1936, and all of that eleven years has been spent in the Medical Department. During that time he has served in seven states, and spent over three years overseas.

Lieutenant Hayden was born in Virginia, and enlisted in the Army shortly after he finished high school. After three months basic training at Fort Meade, Maryland, he was assigned to duty at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., and remained there for three years, with time out only to attend NCO school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

His next assignment was at the Station Hospital at West Point, where he spent two years, from 1939 to 1941. In January 1942 he returned to Fort Meade to join the 2d General Hospital, then being organized for overseas duty. He served with that hospital as first sergeant and sergeant major. After arrival in England in June 1942, he was stationed at Oxford.

After twenty months in England, the 2d General went to Normandy in June 1944, following our army throughout the action in Normandy,

and eventually locating in Nancy, France, where Lieutenant Hayden received his commission.

He was then assigned to duty with ADSAC headquarters in Nemur, Belgium, and later at Liege, Belgium, serving with the 16th General Hospital through the Battle of the Bulge. He was with the 16th until November 1945, then sailed from Marseilles, France, for home, arriving in the States in time for Christmas.

His first duty station after his return was in the office of the station surgeon, Fort Storey, Virginia, where he was administrative assistant. He then served with the 8th Service Command, at Dallas, Texas, and at Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico. When that hospital closed he came to Letterman, in January 1947, as assistant registrar.

Lieutenant Hayden's wife is the former Captain Helen Wilks, MDD, who served overseas as a dietitian at the same hospital with him during the war. They now make their home in Richmond.

When time permits, Lieutenant Hayden likes to go fishing, and he also enjoys target shooting and hunting.

MORE ON ARMY THRIFT

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gasoline trucks for children. The face pieces were disposed of as top-grade rubber; and the respirators, eye pieces and carriers were stored for future use.

It is Army policy never to offer anything for sale, either as salvage or small lots of surplus, until every effort has been made to find use for it within the military establishment. When a sale is finally prepared, prospective buyers are invited to send in sealed bids. By maintaining extensive lists of dealers, the Army is able to stimulate competition and get better prices. It is not uncommon for business men to travel 150 miles to attend a post salvage sale. Occasionally the dealers grow so excited at the opening of the bids that they almost come to blows.

Reports showing receipts from such sales are sent to the Director of Service, Supply, and Procurement, War Department General Staff. On the \$67,000,000 recorded during 1946, approximately 53 millions came from salvage sales and the remainder from small-lot sales. This sum was wholly independent of surplus sales conducted by the disposal agencies.

Maintenance accomplishments of the Army's technical services were equally impressive. In 1946, the Chemical Corps, working over such items as the 4.2 inch chemical mortar, repaired and returned \$21,170,083 worth of material to stock. The Transportation Corps converted 44 Navy-operated troop transports and hospital ships to Army use and effected a tremendous saving by re-converting 134 Diesel electric locomotives, which had been used in Europe and the Middle East, for service in this country. One department in the Corps of Engineers, repairing furniture and power-operated kitchen equipment, returned \$3,750,000 worth of material in 1946, while another department, specializing in general engineering equipment, reconditioned stock valued at \$2,100,000 in a single month. These are merely typical of the measures taken by the technical services to save every dollar possible. In addition, reclamation work was carried on by the Army Air Forces, which, with its concentration on planes and expensive precision equipment, effected savings of astronomical proportions.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

The summer session of on-the-Post classes will commence next Tuesday, 1 July, 1947, and will include high school subjects—English, History and Civics. These classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 in Bldg. 1049. Register at the Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. 1039.

If you do not have your high school diploma and come from a state which does not grant diplomas on the basis of the General Educational Development Tests, you may establish a San Francisco residency by studying four subjects under the supervision of a certified teacher and receive a San Francisco diploma. In addition, however, you must take the GED Tests, high school level. For further information drop in the E/R Office.

The Marina-Mission Adult School announces summer classes for adults for a period of eight weeks commencing 7 July and ending 29 August, 1947. Classes will be held at various hours throughout the day and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the following schools: Marina Jr. High Schol, Mission, Galileo, and Balboa high schools. Among the subjects to be offered are—Art Metal, Art & Painting, Auto Shop, Aircraft Engines, Bookkeeping, Braille, Cabinet Shop, Calculating Machines, Ceramics, Charm, Civil Service, Dressmaking, English, Floriculture, French, Interior Decoration, Leathercraft, Little Theatre, Math, Mechanical Drawing, Photography, Real Estate, Servant Training, Shorthand, Spanish, Upholstery, Wood Carving, and numerous others. These classes are a public service of the San Francisco Public Schools and are, therefore, tuition free.

MORE ON GEN. CLARK

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from the United States, he has also received decorations from the following countries: Great Britain, France, Russia, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, Morocco, Malta and Belgium.

He will be officially welcomed to California and the West by Governor Earl Warren when he addresses an audience of 5,000 at the National Guard Armory in San Francisco next Monday evening, 23 June.



By Sgt. Clarence Smith

(AFPS)—Wherever United States military forces are stationed, the War Department policy is to co-operate fully in making available ample opportunity to develop athletic talents. Currently the broad program of competition is directed toward qualifying contestants for the 1948 Olympic Games. A bill in Congress would authorize expenditure of \$75,000 for the training of Army Olympic teams.

Under stipulations regulating the 1948 Olympics, all Army contestants will qualify in the regular trials conducted under the guidance of the Amateur Athletic Union in co-operation with the United States Olympic Games Committee. A War Department circular states:

"Army personnel who qualify in the final United States tryouts will be authorized to participate in the Olympic Games. All participants must maintain their amateur status in their own sports and in all other sports as well.

"All commanders will offer every practicable opportunity to qualified individuals to practice for and to prepare themselves for Olympic participation, provided such practice and preparation does not materially interfere with the accomplishment of the mission of the command."

Armed forces athletes will be given opportunities to qualify in the following tentative list of sports: track and field (men and women), swimming (men and women), boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, basketball, field handball, ice hockey, weight lifting, bobsledding, rowing, skiing, fencing, cycling, soccer football, rifle shooting, pistol shooting, yachting, figure skating, speed skating, canoeing and field hockey.

Qualifying tryout entries from the armed forces will compete under their military rank and military unit attachment, which must be forwarded to the Chief, Special Services Division, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

War Department No. 80 carefully defines the amateurism code of the Army in all athletic competition. When competing among themselves, members of the armed forces who are amateurs will not forfeit their amateur status even though one or more of those competing is a professional, provided that the prizes be other than money or its equivalent. A sworn statement to the officer in charge, testifying to AAU status, will establish amateur status for Army competition with other strictly amateur teams. Against such nonservice teams the Army will not use men who do not have AAU status.

Leech Tennis Matches, Army Golf Tourney Set

Resumption of the historic Army-Navy tennis matches at the Army-Navy Country Club near Arlington, Va., on July 26, has been scheduled by the War Department. The newly-defined amateur code will prevail. Brig. Gen. Frederick Irving, of the Inter-American Defense Board, chairman of the arrangements committee, announces that the Army will send a 10-man team against the Navy. An Armywide competition to determine the Army representatives will be held at the same club July 15-19.

The Army golf championship will be at stake in a tournament scheduled Aug. 12-17 inclusive at Atlanta, Ga., in charge of the Third Army command at Ft. Benning. Aug. 12 and 13 will be devoted to 18-hole qualifying rounds.

Army Commands Conducting Track Events

In line with preparing Army athletes for the Olympic Games tryouts, the various commands are conducting an extensive series of track and field meets. Approximately 200 representatives of the Air Defense Command, Air Materiel Command, Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, Air Proving Ground Command, Army Transport Command and the Air Training Command will compete in a track and field meet at San Antonio, Texas, June 27 and 28.

The San Antonio meet is typical of many being held in the various theatres of operations in all branches of the military service. The Fourth Air Force, winner of a similar meet at Hamilton Field, Calif., on May 27 and 28 will be a strong contender for team honors and will have a favored aspirant for high individual honors in Lt. Bob Conor, captain of the 1946 track team at West Point.

With Conor racking up 17 points, the Fourth Air Force amassed a total of 60 to beat out the Air Defense Command, of Mitchel Field, New York, by 12 points. Third, with 27 points, was the First Air Force team from Ft. Slocum, New York, followed by the 14th AF with 20 points.

Conor, an outstanding all-around track and field man, encountered unexpectedly stiff competition from an unheralded Army veteran, M/Sgt. George Leach, a former major in the Infantry, who resigned his commission to reenlist in the RA. Leach, after a cross-country plane ride and with little preparatory training, picked up 13 points for the 1st AF team and might have edged out Conor if he had entered as many events.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

World War 11 veterans who have returned to homes in farming communities are being aided in their readjustment to civilian life by federal laws, administered by the Veterans Administration, which facilitate their purchase of farm property or further their knowledge of farming through educational programs.

In the Branch 12 area of the Veterans Administration, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, nearly 3,000 veteran-farmers have taken advantage of benefits provided by federal law.

Under the loan guarantee provisions of the G.I. Bill 794 veterans have secured VA guaranteed loans on farm property or equipment. The loans have a total value of \$4,754,178, of which the government has guaranteed \$1,896,073.

Veterans enrolled in farm training programs under the G.I. Bill and Vocational Rehabilitation Act total 2,033. There are 1,758 in California, 198 in Arizona, 61 in Nevada and 16 in Hawaii.

Veteran-farmers usually receive training under the G.I. Bill and in some cases are paid subsistence allowances of \$65.00 or \$90.00 a month, depending on whether they have dependents. The veteran-trainee's average monthly income from farm or wages, plus subsistence allowance, must not exceed \$175 for a single veteran or \$200 for a veteran with dependents.

Disabled veterans receive farm training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, which provides slightly higher subsistence pay.

Under both laws two types of training are given, "institutional-on-farm" training or "on-the-job" training. In the first the veteran takes courses in the agricultural department of a school in his community and does practical farming on his own farm or that of an employer. The "on-the-job" training program calls for instruction of the veterans in certain agricultural subjects in connection with his work on the farm of an employer.

Question: At what rate of interest can I borrow on my National Service Life Insurance policy?

Answer: After your converted NSLI policy has been in force by payment of premiums for one year or longer, you can borrow an amount up to 94 percent of the cash value. The interest charged you on the loan will be 4 percent.



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Master Sergeant Ernest E. Allen Is Retired

Master Sergeant Ernest E. Allen, who has been Chief Clerk in the Sick & Wounded section of the Registrar's office for so long that the mind of modern man runneth not to the contrary, will be retired from active service on 30 June by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty.

Sgt. Allen was born in Gainesville, Georgia, and enlisted in the army in 1921 at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. His first duty station was at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he remained for six years with the 15th Infantry. On his return to the mainland in 1933 Sgt. Allen was assigned to Letterman and he has been here ever since.

In 1945 he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding services in carrying out the war mission of the Medical Department and the citation accompanying the award bore the signature of the then Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk. Gen. Kirk had previously served a tour of four years at Letterman as Chief of the Surgical Service and he had a personal knowledge of Sgt. Allen's value to the command.

Throughout his 26 years of service Sgt. Allen has proven impervious to the wiles and blandishments of the female sex and he passes to the retired list in the same status that was his when he entered the army—a bachelor. He is not the crotchety type and still has many friends and admirers among the gentler sex who



Master Sergeant ERNEST E. ALLEN
Who retires on Monday next, will get away from all this.

have been associated with him in his long tenure in the Registrar's.

The group who will really miss him around here is made up of Captain (chaplain) Albert F. Click, Master Sergeant Robert F. Bergen, hospital sergeant major, and Master Sergeant Percy Carnes, sergeant major of the Detachment of Patients. They have made it a daily practice to make contact with Sgt. Allen and in his words they have always given

him "a bad time." The trio disagrees on that point and maintain their interest was prompted by genuine affection of the "old boy".

Sgt. Allen plans to make his home in Gainesville for a few years and then settle somewhere in Florida "where the fishing is good". He will take with him the best wishes of the commanding officer and the entire staff of Letterman as he leaves for retired life.

To Reorganize LGH Hospital Mess Effective 1 July

A change in the Food Service Program at all Army general hospitals has been directed by the Office of The Surgeon General, and effective 1 July the Dietetics Division at Letterman will be abolished and the Hospital Mess reorganized.

Under the new setup there will be two divisions: Hospital Mess Administration and Hospital Food Service. The heads of these divisions will be directly responsible to the Commanding Officer of the hospital.

The Hospital Mess Administrator will be responsible for proper administration of the Hospital Fund, maintenance of accounting records, receiving accounts and disbursements for subsistence, financial reports, operation of hospital mess storerooms, delivery of requisitioned food supplies, maintenance of inventories for food stocks, and similar administrative tasks.

The Chief Dietitian will be the Hospital Food Service Supervisor, with responsibility for efficient operation of hospital messes, selection and ordering of food supplies, preparation of nutritionally adequate menus, maintenance of high standards of food preparation, control of food waste, assignment of dietitians, development of a continuous training program, maintenance of mess equipment and related operations.

A staff of dietitians and a senior mess steward will assist the Chief Dietitian. The dietitians will be assigned to the hospital messes and to ward units.

Major Thomas R. Jones, PC, has been named Hospital Mess Administrator, and Chief Dietitian Captain Helen C. MacLean, MDD, is Hospital Food Service Supervisor. Captain Mark Motish, MAC, will be Assistant Hospital Mess Administrator.

Around-the-Clock Job of the Men on Ward Duty at LGH

Over 300 of the enlisted personnel at Letterman—more than one-third of the detachment—are assigned to ward duty, and in that capacity are directly concerned with the care of the sick and wounded.

These men are prepared for their duties as aides to the Medical Corps officers and Army Nurse Corps officers by means of special training Branch here at Letterman. The work for which the men are trained carries three MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) numbers; 657, medical aid man; 409, medical technician; 861, surgical technician.

A four-week course is given for ward attendants, and a two-week course for ward masters. The latter is an intensive course of instruction in ward administration and supervision.

The course for ward attendants includes the following subjects: Ward sanitation, bed-making (occupied and unoccupied), personal hygiene, care of neuropsychiatric patients, oxygen therapy, temperature, pulse and respiration, care of linen, pre- and post-operative care, care of the patient in traction, care and comfort of patient, admission and disposition of patients, patients' property and valuables, patients' records, anatomy and physiology, hospital regulations, sterile techniques, serving and feeding bed-patients, tray setup and special diets, operation and care of ward diet kitchen, keeping equipment sterile, first aid, preparation of surgical dressings, control of communicable disease, and physical condition of patients.

Instruction on these subjects is given by duty officers and enlisted personnel of Letterman, and the students are given examinations both during and at the termination of the courses.

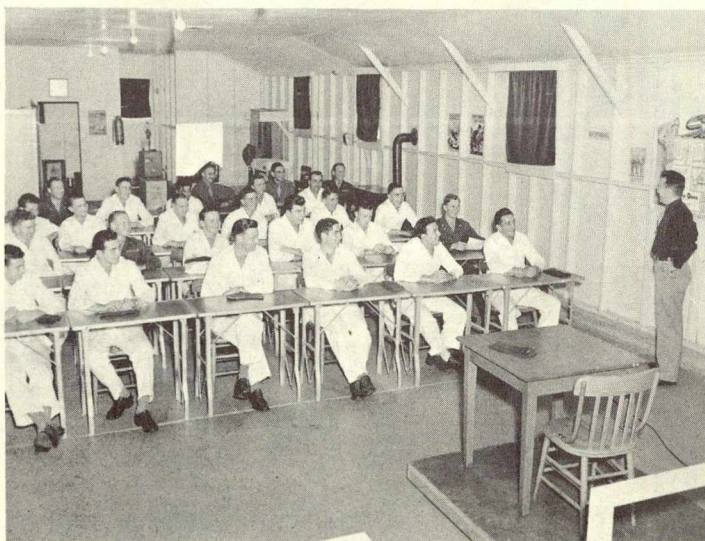
The men assigned to the wards are on twelve-hour duty at present, and by means of periodic rotation the personnel alternate night and day duty.

Many attempts have been made to arrange schedules so that the men can work an eight-hour rather than a twelve-hour shift, but because of insufficient personnel, it has so far been impossible to effect this change.

The number of men assigned to each ward depends upon the number of patients on the ward and the type of care required. On some wards as many as six ward attendants are required; on others as few



ON THEIR WAY
Detachment men on ward duty march to work following daily 0645 inspection and roll call by the Administrative Officer of the Day.



TRAINING CLASS
For ward attendants. First Lieut. Andrew Flom, MAC (right), is instructor on "The Ward Corpsmen and Hospital Regulations," and "Anatomy and Physiology."

as two on day duty and one on night duty.

Two personnel on ward duty stand formation each morning and evening at 6:45, before going on duty, and are inspected by the Administrative Officer of the Day. on the wards their duties include assisting the nurses in giving medications, changing dressings, cleaning up, bed-making and similar tasks.

They assist in the diet kitchens,

setting up the trays under the supervision of the dietitians and nurses, and serve meals and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments to the patients.

In many cases men who had their first contact with work in the Medical Department through ward assignments have found in their association with members of the medical profession an incentive to begin the studies which eventually lead to a medical degree.

More Than 150,000 California Veterans Now on Compensation

More than 154,000 California veterans of both World Wars and the regular peacetime service are drawing approximately \$7,460,000 in disability compensation and pension checks each month, the Veterans Administration reported last week.

In addition, there is a much smaller group of veterans from the Spanish-American War, Civil War and Indian Wars whose disability compensation or pension checks are paid by the Washington, D. C., office of the Veterans Administration.

The largest group of California veterans receiving disability or compensation checks are veterans of World War II. They total 114,602 and are receiving \$5,043,000 a month. All but 252 of them are being compensated for service connected disabilities.

The Los Angeles area reports the largest number of disabled veterans of World War II with 60,765, who are being paid \$2,671,000 a month. San Francisco area has 48,652 drawing \$2,155,000 a month and San Diego area 5,185 drawing \$216,000.

There are 34,819 California veterans of World War I drawing \$2,198,000 a month in disability compensation or pension. Of the total 7,924 are drawing pensions for non-service connected disabilities.

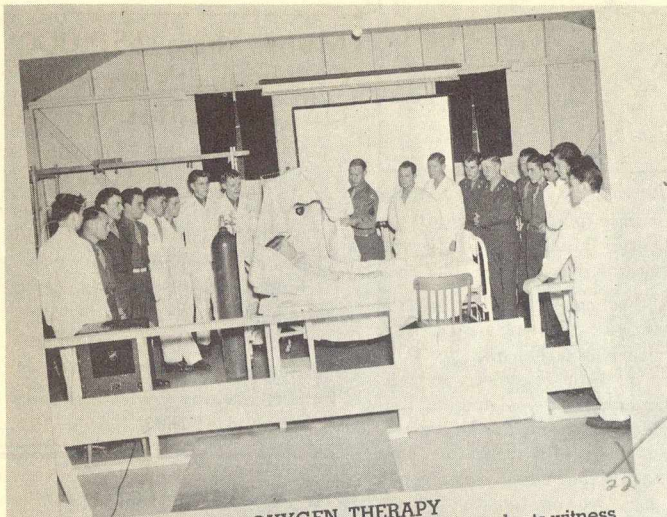
California veterans disabled in peacetime service total 4,692 and draw \$218,000 a month.

In the United States 2,328,000 veterans of all wars and the peacetime service receive disability compensation or pension. Their benefit checks add up to a total of approximately \$114,000,000 per month.

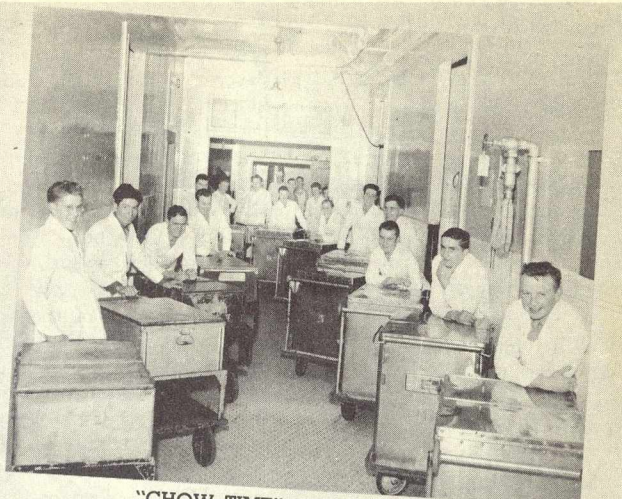
Nearly 75 per cent, or 1,736,000, are World War II veterans, of whom all but 3,000 have service-connected disabilities. The balance is made up of 432,000 World War I veterans, 116,000 from the Spanish-American War, 99 from the Civil War, 873 from the Indian Wars, and 43,000 veterans disabled in peacetime service.

Hillbilly: "Lindy Lou, if'n you don't bring home a better report card from the third grade, Ah'm gonter divorce ye."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



OXYGEN THERAPY
Students taking the June course for ward attendants witness a classroom demonstration of oxygen therapy by S-Sgt. Jordan D. Fowler, who teaches that subject.



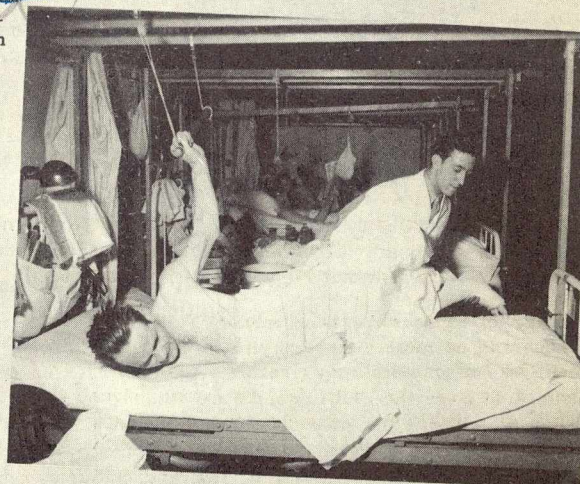
"CHOW TIME" FOR PATIENTS
Ward attendants line up with diet carts at Central Mess.



EN ROUTE
Pvt. Derold W. Titus, ward attendant, takes T-5 Cecil Brooks from ward E-2 to X-ray department.



MORNING DUTY
Pvt. LeRoy Fullerton of ward E-2 collects water pitchers for routine washing and refilling.



BEDSIDE SERVICE
Pfc. Roy G. Karageorge, wardmaster on E-2, turning 1-Sgt. Walter A. Haneberg, a battle casualty of the ETO, who is in a hip-spica cast.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

COOPERATION

Co-operation is not just doing a good job for 8 hours a day. It is a 24 hour job which each and every soldier must do to give the best that is in him.

For example: A family group is conscious of the family constantly, and attempting to hurt one individual member of the family is hardly co-operation.

In living up to the tradition of the family, you are conscious of the family name. It isn't your desire to bring unfair criticism on it, neither is it your desire to do anything which would or could cast reflection on those bearing the same name.

What we are driving at is just this—those of us in the Army all wear the same uniform, stand for the same principles, we are judged by the same measuring stick and either lauded or condemned accordingly. Furthermore we were not born into the Army, we chose to become a part of this great Army—it is up to us to carry the colors high and co-operate with each other 24 hours a day.—**Beaumont News.**

Man is not a machine, that will do so much and no more; he is not an animal, whose powers may reach thus far and no further. It is mind, not muscle, which is the great agent of production. The physical power involved in the human frame is one of the weakest of forces, but for the human intelligence the resistless currents of nature flow, and matter becomes plastic to the human will.—**Henry George.**

WAC

T/3 Lola Mae Harvey became the bride of Keith Allen Hunsaker last Saturday evening, 21 June, at the Sunset Ward Chapel, in a ceremony performed by Bishop J. F. Griffiths. The wedding attendants were the brother of the groom and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. LaVon Hunsaker of Pasadena. The bride wore an aqua suit with pale gray suede accessories, a flower hat, and carried a hand corsage of lilies of the valley and baby roses. Mrs. Hunsaker is back on duty in the Adjutant's office this week awaiting her discharge from the Army. When she is once again in civilian status, the Hunsakers will leave to drive East on their honeymoon. They will return to California in the Fall, and Mr. Hunsaker will resume his studies at Stanford, where he is completing work on his Ph.D.

Lee Witkowski, who is leaving 4 July for Cleveland, Ohio, plans a full schedule of fun and frolic during her 30 days at home, where she will visit friends and relatives.

After seeing a good deal of the Pacific area, T/4 Faye Lavagnino has recently arrived at Letterman. She hopes to be in EENT Clinic as she was in the Philippines and at Camp Beale.

A number of the detachment personnel enjoyed the picnic given last week at Los Gatos by the Hospital Training Unit. Fried chicken with trimmings and plenty of beer took care of the food situation.

Agge Johnson is looking forward to a forthcoming 15-day furlough, and plans to spend it fixing up her home here on the post. She may even go so far as to paste up flowered wallpaper, rumor says.

S/Sgt. Nancy Banvard is spending a three-day pass enjoying leisure right here in San Francisco.

Kitty Kelly is on furlough and is visiting friends and relatives in Princewick, West Virginia.

Anna Christensen and Ginny Hill are the co-owners of a friendly black and white pup they call Pepper. Pepper has an obliging appetite, and consumes everything from bread and milk to doughnuts without a digestive murmur. For the first couple of days, Pepper was convoyed around the post on a leash, but that's no longer necessary.



Lt. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, is enjoying a seven-day leave at McKenzie Ranch in the Feather River country.

Lieut. Frances Trocinsky of the dietitians staff was separated from the service this week, and her family came to San Francisco to take her back home. She is making tentative plans to attend the University of Geneva, in Switzerland, next year, and has been studying French for the past two months.

The firm of Sandhoff and Shaffer (Lieuts. Beatrice Sandhoff and Leath Shaffer of Physical Therapy, that is) are spending the week end in Carmel. They admit that they are becoming addicted to Carmel and find it very easy to take.

Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson of the dietitians staff is enjoying a visit this week from her family, who are here from Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Physical Therapists gave a farewell party this week at the Presidio Officers Club for their Chief, Capt. Vida Buehler, who is leaving for temporary duty at Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.

Three ANC members — Major Anne Benton, and 1st Lieuts. Lydia Dobaron and Helen Olson—spent a happy three days at Lake Tahoe and Reno last week.

Captain Virginia Sanderson, ANC, is on leave at her home in Massachusetts.

First Lieut. Pauline Bruno, ANC, who is saying goodbye to the Army and hello to civilian status this week, is planning to do post-graduate work in nursing at Cook County Hospital in Chicago in the near future. Before she begins on that project she is going home to Massachusetts for the summer.

First Lieut. Alta Owens, ANC, is in Los Angeles on a 15-day leave. While she is there she will be bridesmaid at her brother's wedding.

Think defeat and defeat will come to you. On the contrary, if you think success every force conspires to bring success to you.—**Marcus Aurelius.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 29 June, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Old Timers Return

Two officers who formerly held high posts on the Letterman professional staff returned to the hospital this week in the role of patient.

Colonel Alva B. McKie, long time Executive Officer here, left in 1942 to organize and command Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Wash., where he remained until the organization was inactivated in 1945. He recently returned from the ETO, where he was assistant to the Chief Surgeon.

Colonel Charles K. Berle, former Chief of the Medical Service, also left here in 1942 to organize and command Barnes General Hospital in Portland, Ore. until the hospital was closed in 1945. He then went to O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Mo., as commanding officer until that hospital closed in 1946. His last assignment was on the staff of the Supreme Commander of the American Forces in Japan.

WARNING!

Be on the alert for "sharp operators" who are "loaning" ex-GIs 50% of the face value of terminal leave bonds and holding the bond as security with the understanding that they will pay the vet another 25% if he signs the bond when it matures. Loan sharks thus realize 25% of the bond's face value plus interest computed at 2½% annually, and, on a \$500 bond stand to reap a profit up to \$165.80 on their initial investment of \$250. This is a usurious practice not now covered by law. If approached by such lenders, a veteran should report the incident to any local vet organization or newspaper.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JESSIE M. PEKARSKI
Technician Third Grade

Mischievous blue eyes, dark curly hair and a vivid smile are just three of the ingredients in the charm of T/5 Jessie Pekarski. Jessie is a loyal New Englander. She was born in Hatfield, Mass., grew up in Conway, and worked in Brookline before she became a WAC and began her travels. But those Army travels haven't lured her away from her home state, and she talks longingly of swimming at Cape Cod where the beaches are beautiful and the sand is white.

Jessie changed her civilian occupation of bookkeeper for a WAC uniform in February 1945, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for basic and medical-surgical technicians' training. It didn't hurt her feelings a bit to have her first Army assignment only 14 miles from home, at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Mass., and she went home every week end during the month she was there. At first she worked on the wards, but was later assigned to Physical Therapy.

When Cushing closed she came to Letterman, in September 1946, and for three months was in the Registrar's office. She has become very much interested in Physical Therapy while at Cushing, and requested a transfer to that branch. She is now on duty in P. T. and glad of it. She says she would like to take more training in Physical Therapy, and continue in that work when she returns to civilian life.

She expects to be in the Army for another year, and wants to see as much as possible of the West Coast while she's out here. However, all her immediate plans are centering on a furlough coming up in September. "I'm going home to get a good New England suntan," she says.

Jessie calls dancing her favorite

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Gabriel Flores of ward 1 has been turning out a volume of work in the Ceramics Department. He recently completed work on two large plates and two bowls, and is now putting the finishing touches on a ceramic wishing-well. This unusual piece is not the large kind for use in the garden, it's a small table-size model, but is guaranteed to make wishes come true, just like the big ones.

Vernon Hansen of Livermore, California, who recently returned from overseas duty in Japan and was expecting to receive his discharge, met with an accident while he was at Camp Stoneman, and as a result is now a patient here at Letterman. They tell him it will probably be another six months before he can expect to leave the hospital, but he isn't taking it too hard.

When Earl Mager of ward F-2 got his mail the other morning it consisted of just one letter, but it must have been from the right girl, judging by the expression of joy on his face when he saw the envelope.

Attention, bed-patients! You may not be able to be present at the USAFI Quiz show broadcasts held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center, but here's another method of getting those silver dollars to come your way. Just think up a good question that can be used on the Quiz show—put it on paper (with your name, rank, ward or place of duty) and send it through the Message Center or mail it to radio station KLGH, ATTENTION: USAFI Quiz Show. If your question is used on the program, you will receive one USAFI Silver Dollar. Listen in every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:00.

Winners of the silver dollars at last week's two shows were: James Cordell, Curtis R. Stewart, Doyle Kelly, James Bryant, Joseph Irla, Dewey Davis, Maurice E. Watts, Marshall Wollam, Gregory Vargas,

occupation, and she is fond of outdoor sports, particularly trout fishing. She is the proud possessor of a handsome jade ring which her aunt brought back from China. "It's mine now," says Jessie, "I wheedled it away from her."

Tony Lafaro, Bruce Olsen, Lonnie Davis, Clarence E. Weber, Carrol Robblee, Cohen Sakai, Alien Cable, George J. Gordon, Dayton A. Driver, and Harold Purdum, Jr.

Back from 19 months duty in Japan, Lewis Sabas is now a patient on ward D-1. Of his overseas duty he says "It was wonderful!" thereby surprising all listeners. He expects to receive his discharge when he leaves the hospital, and plans to go home to Santa Ana, California. Once there, he intends to "have some fun" before returning to the more serious business of making a living.

James Dunn of ward F-2 is from Atlanta, Georgia, and has been a patient at Letterman since last February. He's now looking forward with pleasure to a 45-day furlough before returning to duty. The duty will probably be in Yokohama. While on the forthcoming furlough he plans to do a lot of fishing. One day this week he came back from a fishing trip on the Letterman boat with four large rock bass, and he says they made mighty good eating.

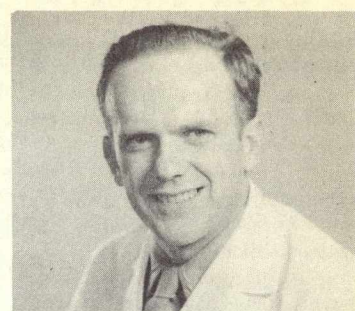
Members of the Letterman Stamp Club are making preparations for the U. S. stamp centennial California Philatelic Exhibition, to be held October 10-12 at the Hotel Whitcomb here in San Francisco. The Letterman club is the only one of its kind in the Bay area to be invited to exhibit in the show, and they will present an enlargement of their display shown recently at the hospital.

George Sharpe of ward D-1 likes to read whodunits, and is currently engaged in reading one called "The Fabulous Clipjoint," which he says is good. George returned from Honolulu last year after ten years in the Islands, and he now wishes he were back there. When he leaves the hospital, he'll be up for reassignment, so he's hoping to make it to Honolulu again in the not-too-distant future.

First Recruiting Station

Washington (AFPS)—The first organized Army Recruiting Station was established by Act of Congress on February 2, 1901. In March, 1911, Congress provided that "one man at each Recruiting Station, who had been detached for duty at such station, have the rank, pay and allowances of a First Sergeant of Infantry."

ON THE SPOT



HAROLD R. DuGAY
Technician Third Grade

T/3 Harold DuGay, who is at present wardmaster on Ward G-1, has a long background of experience at Letterman, and has been on ward duty in just about every branch of the hospital. He also worked for a year in the Receiving Office during his tour of duty here.

Sergeant DuGay was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but since most of his time in the Army has been spent in California, he says he is now thoroughly transplanted to this state.

He came into the Army in October 1940, and now, with the first seven years nearly completed, he intends to stay on and accumulate the other 23 to become a 30-year man.

He was inducted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was first in the Infantry. His first station was at the Presidio, with the 30th Infantry. After a few months in that branch of the service, he transferred to the Medical Department, and was assigned to duty at Letterman, coming here in February 1941.

He was here until January 1945, when he went to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver as a patient. After his recovery he was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, and was then assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he worked in Special Services. After a year's absence, he was again assigned to Letterman.

Sergeant DuGay is married, and he and his wife Bobbie have three daughters—Phyllis, 4½; Linda 2½ and 10-month-old Sandra Kay. They live in Marin City. He and his wife met while he was here at the hospital, and were married in the Letterman Chapel.

His hobby is gardening, and this year he has a sizable vegetable garden. He is also active in Boy Scout work in Marin County, and teaches first-aid classes for the Scouts.

CIVIL CIRCLES

A hearty welcome goes this week to the following new employees of LGH: Evelyn Watson, Hospital Train Unit; Ann Pashley, Medical Service; Ann Curtis, Surgical Service; LaVerne Mulligan, Surgical Service, and Bernice Johnson, ward attendant. LaVerne Mulligan has recently returned from Hawaii.

Ruth DeHay has transferred from Personal Affairs to Occupational Therapy, where she performs the secretarial duties of the department.

Verne Shores paid a visit to the dentist one day this week and stoutly maintained that she wasn't afraid.

Esther Kleinclaus, Detachment of Patients, was welcomed back this week after her recent illness.

Dorothy Walker, formerly of the postoffice, who now lives in Pacific Grove, is in San Francisco visiting her sister, Marjore Hecht of Information Office. She dropped in at Letterman the other day to see her friends here.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Majors' office has been on sick leave this week, and her friends are hoping for her speedy recovery.

"Ace" Guth, Ward B-1, and Louise Smith, Registrar's office, were both heard this week extolling the virtues of their respective granddaughters.

Betsy Funston of Separation Center can easily make her friends envious these days telling about the fresh vegetables she has from her own garden in Marin County.

"Mickey" Fenn of Separation Center was seen hunting madly for the top of a borrowed fountain pen, for what's a fountain pen without a hat? Where she found it is a deep secret, but it hadn't strayed far.

Marjorie Granger of Separation Center now considers Friday the 13th her lucky day, since that was the day she was notified she would be able to stay on the job as the result of the reinstatement of some positions at the hospital.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel has a new blouse which might be called strictly occupational, since letter-writing is one of her duties. The blouse is a print, and the design includes the words "your truly" and "sincerely yours."

INTRODUCING MARY KAY BERTELING AND HER NEW MERCURY CONVERTIBLE



Miss MARY KAY BERTELING, OTR
New Chief of Occupational Therapy Section

Only two Occupational Therapists on duty with the Army have served overseas, and Miss Mary Kay Berteling, OTR, Letterman's new Chief of Occupation Therapy, was fifty per cent of the team. In May 1946 she went to Manila with an amputation unit sent to the Philippines by the office of The Surgeon General.

The group included a Medical Corps officer, two Physical Therapists and a group of enlisted personnel. They treated amputees who had served in the Philippine Army, and conducted a training course for Army nurses and civilian personnel before returning to the states in December 1946.

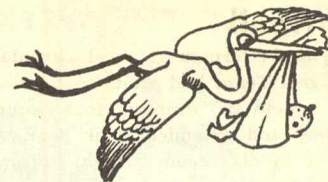
Miss Berteling liked the Philippines, but was very happy to get back again. She arrived at her home in Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m. on Christmas night, having struggled with a series of handicaps which included last orders and difficulties over plane reservations.

She is a native of Michigan, but grew up in Chicago and Toronto, Canada. She was graduated from the University of Toronto, where she specialized in Occupational Therapy. Later she did O. T. work at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, and at the crippled children's clinic at Gallinger Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Her first work with the Army was in the O. T. department at Walter Reed Hospital, where she was assigned from January 1943 until March 1945. She then went to Florida to organize and head the O. T. Clinic at Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach. After a year there she was sent on the Philippine assignment.

Upon her return from Manila, Miss Berteling went to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J., as head of the O. T. department there, and it was from Tilton that she came to Letterman. In addition to her duties as Chief of O. T. here, she will serve on the screening board for Regular Army integration into the new Women's Medical Specialist Corps. She says she is looking forward to changing from civilian to military status under the new program.

Golf is her favorite sport, and as soon as her clubs arrive she plans to try out the Presidio and other courses in the vicinity. Right now she is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her new car, a Mercury convertible which her brother is driving out from the East for her. When the car arrives she wants to begin some four-wheeled explorations of California.



To Major and Mrs. James E. Laz-enby, a girl, **Suzanne Anita**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 16 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles Huckleberry, a boy, **James Eugene**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 18 June.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowen, a boy, **William Manfred**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 18 June.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Samuel H. Oakley, a boy, **John Bilyew**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 18 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Joseph Garrotto, a girl, **Claudia Jo**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 18 June.

Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced forthcoming examinations for the positions of radio engineer and mathematician. Applications for both these positions must be received by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. not later than 15 July, 1947.

Salaries for the position of radio engineer are \$2644 and \$3397 a year, and a written test is required. The position of mathematician carries salaries of \$3397 and \$5905 a year, and does not require a written test.

Full information on requirements of education and experience may be obtained from the bulletin boards in the hospital or from Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Officer, bawling out an inebriated GI, declared: "If I was in your condition, I'd shoot myself."

"Shir, if you wash in my condition you'd miss y'rself."

"What's that funny looking insignia on the side of the bomber?"

"That no insignia. That's the colonel looking out of the porthole."

An aviator had just returned from a raid over enemy territory.

"Why are you back so late?" asked the commanding officer.

"I misunderstood instructions and pushed the leaflets under people's doors!"

Softball

The Letterman General Hospital Softball Team had another successful week in winning four more games and extended their winning ways to seventeen straight. They now have won twenty-one games out of twenty-two, having been beaten by Fairfield Army Air Base early in the season. Last week they atoned for their defeat by beating Fairfield 22 to 3.

The star of the Fairfield-LGH game was Surowicz, who pitched a three-hit game, striking out six of the opposition. The hitting stars for LGH were Walker, who hit a home-run and two singles in four trips to the plate and Miller, the second baseman, who beat out four bunts for hits in four official trips.

In the LGH-Fort Mason game, in which LGH won by a score of 7 to 6 in eleven innings, Lehman and Surowicz pitched a six-hitter, striking out six men while Lindsey was the power at the plate driving the tying and winning runs in with a triple and a double in four trips to the plate.

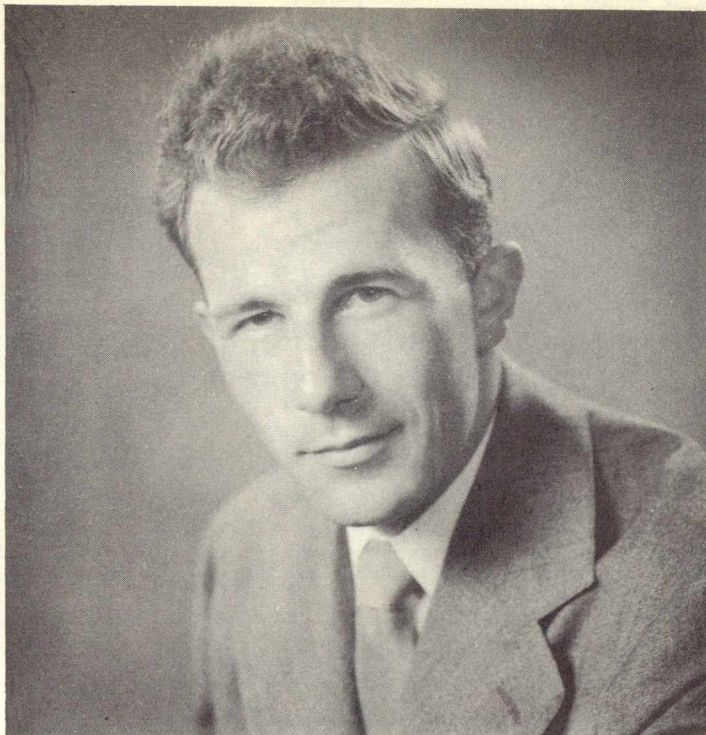
In the LGH-Camp Stoneman game which LGH won 4 to 1, Surowicz was the star by beating them after 22 straight wins. He pitched a 3-hitter, striking out six men, and was given great support by the team. Masiello at third was the defensive star, and Miller, the second baseman, was the hitting star, getting 3 for 3. Surowicz helped his pitching by hitting a homerun in the third inning.

In the LGH and 102 Machine Record Unit game, which was a free hitting contest won by LGH 12 to 11, all members of the team shared in the hitting. Surowicz added another softball win after Lehman was relieved in the eighth inning due mainly to poor support, the game being marred by eight LGH errors.

War College Reading List Books at LGH

A number of the books included on a recent War College reading list are now available at the Letterman library. They are: Becker, "How New Will the Better World Be?"; Burnham, "The Struggle for the World"; Deane, "The Strange Alliance"; Earle, "Makers of Modern Strategy"; Koestler, "Darkness at Noon"; Lippman, "U. S. Foreign Policy: The Shield of The Republic"; White & Jacoby, "Thunder Out of China."

SCHUTZ SHOOTS HIS LAST PICTURE HERE AND LEAVES LGH FOR U. C.



JOHN SCHUTZ
Says good-bye to the photo lab

John Schutz, probably one of the most appropriately named men who ever clicked a camera, is leaving Letterman this week to join the staff of the photographic department at the University of California hospital here in San Francisco. Though he was able to tear himself away from Letterman, he was not able to give up the hospital atmosphere, and he will be doing the same type of work at U. C.—clinical photography and photomicrography—as he did here.

He has been in charge of the Letterman Photographic Laboratory both as a Sergeant and as a civilian, and since January 1945 has been responsible for the majority of pictures taken for the Fog Horn. To say that the Fog Horn will miss John and his entertaining whimsies is putting it mildly.

John is from Kenosha, Wisconsin. Before he came into the Army he lived near Los Angeles, and attended U.C.L.A. His interest in photography began so early in life that the date is just a fogged film in his memory, but in the course of acquiring photographic know-how he has developed a line of camera conversation that makes the subject of a

picture forget self-consciousness and develop Schutz-consciousness. This makes for a good picture.

He worked in a photographic studio in Los Angeles, and also had his own business there. Then came the Army, and a series of assignments that sent him to Camp Haan, Fort Douglas, Fort Ord, and the Presidio. Most of the time he was in the Signal Corps, and when he was not, he was attempting to get back into it, and this led to his assignment to Letterman when the clinical photographic laboratory was established here in 1945. When he received his discharge in March 1946, he returned as civilian-in-charge of the photo lab. Now that John is leaving, Master Sergeant Harold Dixon, who has been with the lab since last August, will be in charge.

To the pursuit of photography and femininity (the latter really takes precedence over photography) John adds sailing on the Bay as a hobby.

When he signs prints of his pictures he uses only his first name. However, his slogan for business is "When It's Shootin' You're Needin', See Schutz." Not a bad idea.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Seven high school diplomas were granted during the month of May to the following men: Gene T. Carrigan from East St. Louis, Illinois; Leonard Leone from Burlington, Wisconsin; James W. Cordell from Sauk Center, Minnesota; Robert Lolli from Flint, Michigan; Lonnie L. Davis from Tucson, Arizona; Ernest M. Goldschmidt and Arthur Varquez who received their high school diplomas from the San Francisco Unified School District after studying four subjects under certified teachers right here at Letterman.

All of the above named men took the General Educational Development Tests, high school level, and were granted their diplomas on the basis of successful completion of same. High school credits are also given by the schools for basic training and service schools attended by service men and women.

So far for the month of June, fifteen high school diplomas have been awarded on the basis of the GED Test.

The GED Test is a comprehensive objective examination in each of the five major fields of educational development:

1. Test of Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression.
2. Test of Ability to Interpret Reading Materials in the Social Studies.
3. Test of Ability to Interpret Reading Materials in the Natural Sciences.
4. Test of Ability to Interpret Literary Materials.
5. Test of General Mathematical Ability.

The American Council of Education's recommendation is that a secondary school should grant a diploma if the examinee satisfies either of the following requirements, providing that legal requirements of local authority have been met:

1. The examinee has made a standard score of 35, or above, on each of the five tests in the battery.
2. The examinee has made an average score of 45, or above, on the five tests in the battery.

The GED Tests, both high school level and college level, are administered at the E/R Office Bldg. No. 1039. Drop in for further information.



Gy Sgt. Clarence Smith

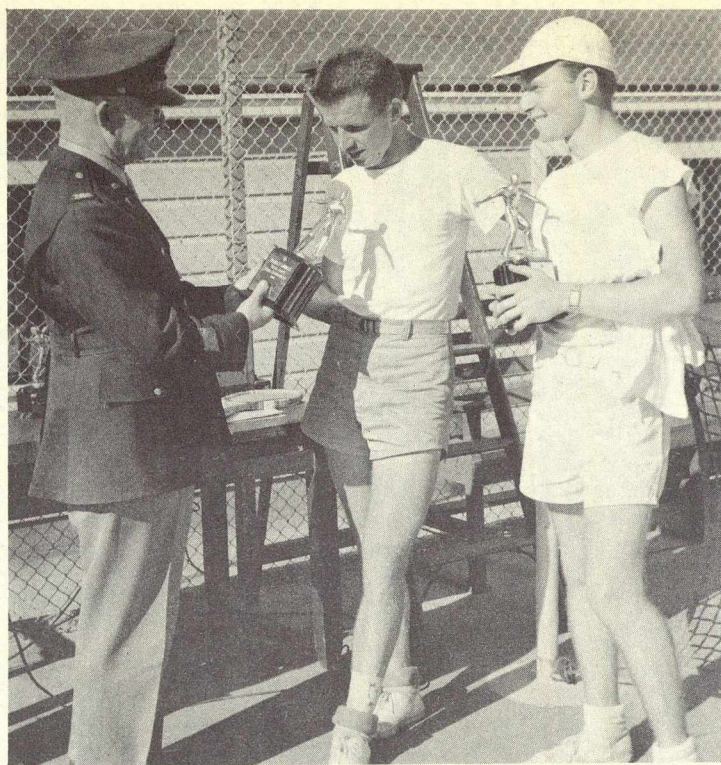
(AFPS)—Somewhere along the line of nearly 20 years of campaigning to establish herself as the greatest all-around woman athlete in world history, it seems that Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias might have contrived to slip an Alexandra into her lengthy cognomen. Like Alexander of Macedonia, who conquered the world a couple of thousand years ago and reputedly wept because he could look to no further conquests, the first American-born golfer to win the British women's championship has accomplished everything she set out to do in the realm of sports.

The Texas Tomboy, apparently possessed by a pioneering instinct inherited from her Norwegian parents, has attained the pinnacle of every sport on which she has set her sights. Winning the British women's crown climaxed 14 years of golf campaigning that started after her phenomenal achievements in the 1932 Olympic Games.

The Babe is one of those lithe, strong-muscled women to whom perfection in sports comes almost as naturally as eating. Sports writers have used superlatives in describing her feats in 16 fields of athletic activities. In the 1932 Olympics she set world records in winning the hurdles and javelin, and lost in a jump-off after tying in the high jump. Single-handed in the final Olympic trials, combined with the National A.A.U. championships, she won the team title by taking first in hurdles, high jump, shot-put, javelin throw and baseball throw.

Current rumors are that Babe will be lured back into the professional fold. Immediately following her conquest in the British women's tournament, offers totalling over \$60,000 came as temptation, but she remained obdurately non-committal regarding future intentions. Long years ago she won all-America honors in basketball and earned \$1,000 a month when she turned pro. She also picked up another grand a month as a pitcher for the House of David baseball team.

Before turning to golf, the sinewy Texan almost set her course on making tennis history. After a month



THE WINNING DOUBLES TEAM
Representing Fort Lewis in the 6th Army Tennis play receives the trophies from Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman Commanding Officer. Sgt. Louis Persinger (center) and Lieut. George Kuby were the winning combination.

of practice, her ability with the racket left her instructors dizzy with amazement. Her court career terminated abruptly when she learned that her professional activities in other sports disqualified her from tournament competition. In swimming, too, she exhibited surprising natural aptitude, but it was the links game that finally caught her fancy.

Tiring of professional golf, Babe applied for reinstatement to amateur status and passed through a probationary period before she was restored to grace. Her sights were set on two objectives—winning the American and British women's championships. A year ago the first half of her goal was achieved. Her 5 and 4 triumph over Jacqueline Gordon on June 12 enabled her to exult: "Mission accomplished."

One hundred and 35 of the top tennis players in the Army Air Forces representing all state-side commands, will compete for the AAF singles and doubles championship at Maxwell Field, Alabama, July 1-6 inclusive.

Tennis Tournament

Fort Lewis nosed out the Presidio by only three points for the Sixth Army tennis championship in the tournament held last Friday at Letterman. Trophies were presented to the winners by Col. Dean F. Winn, LGH commanding officer. In the singles division, Captain Charles R. Hippenstiel of Fort Douglas was first; M/Sgt. Louis Persinger of Fort Lewis, second.

In the doubles, 1st Lieut. Sidney M. Kuby and M/Sgt. Persinger, of Fort Lewis, placed first, and Captain George Willson and Captain (Chaplain) Raymond L. Wilson of Fort Lawton, second.

The four men chosen to represent the Sixth Army in the tennis tournament to be held July 15-19 at the Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia, are: Capt. Hippenstiel, M/Sgt. Persinger, Lt. Col. Eben F. Swift, headquarters, Sixth Army, and Sgt. Stanley Noyes of Camp Beale.

MP: "Soldier, you've been brought in for intoxication."

GI: "Thash fine, lesh get started."

Answering the Veterans Queries

Liberalized National Service Life Insurance has been especially designed to give veterans of World War II maximum peacetime security and protection, especially when the veteran becomes permanently disabled for an extended length of time.

Two of the most important features of G. I. insurance, administered by the Veterans Administration, are provisions for waiver of premiums on accounts of total disability and on income paid the veterans while totally disabled.

Waiver of premiums on account of total disability is automatically provided in all types of NSLI, including low-rate term insurance, ordinary life, 20 and 30-payment life, 20-year endowment and endowments at age 60 and 65.

Total disability is defined as any impairment of mind or body which continuously renders it impossible for the veteran to follow any substantially gainful occupation.

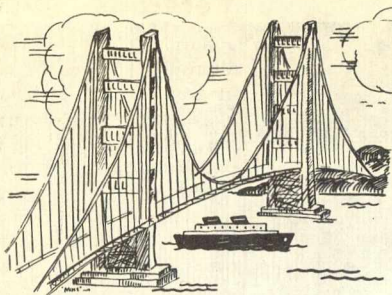
Waiver of premiums may be granted upon written application by the veteran after he has been totally disabled for six consecutive months, provided he became totally disabled after the date of his application for insurance, while his insurance was in force under premium paying conditions and prior to his 60th birthday.

The veteran who becomes totally disabled and makes application for waiver of premiums should continue to pay premiums regularly until he receives notice from VA of entitlement to waiver. All premiums the veteran has paid from the date the waiver is made effective will be refunded without interest.

Neither waiver of premiums or total disability income payments decrease the face amount of the policy nor are they deducted in any settlement of the policy.

Question: Can the beneficiary or family of a veteran make premium payments on his NSLI if the veteran doesn't care to do so?

Answer: Yes, but the insured veteran has the right to change his beneficiaries at any time without consulting with or receiving the approval of anyone. He may also surrender his permanent NSLI policy for cash after premiums have been paid in full for one year.



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Screening Center Opens at LGH for ANC and WMSC

The Regular Army integration program for the Army Nurse Corps and the newly-created Womens' Medical Specialist Corps got under way at Letterman this week with the opening of the screening center here. Letterman is one of nine Army hospitals in the United States where screening centers have been established, and applicants from California, Nevada and Arizona will be processed here.

Processing of applicants will take from two to four days after arrival at LGH, and housing will be provided at Crissy Annex. The screening center is in building C-50 at Crissy. Original applications have been sent to the Adjutant General, and upon receipt of these applications at Letterman, interviews will be scheduled with the officer interview board here.

The board will review the applications by personal interviews to obtain biographical information, will give necessary technical tests and see that physical examinations are completed. Final determination of the qualifications of each applicant for appointment in the Regular Army will be made by the Office of The Surgeon General, and it is expected that the first group will be notified of appointment by 30 September.

The Womens' Medical Specialist Corps is composed of three sections: Dietitian Section, Physical Therapist Section and Occupational Therapist Section. It is still possible to apply for appointment in the WMSC and the Army Nurse Corps, as applications will be accepted until 31 July.

Requirements for WMSC appoint-



CHINESE DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL HERE
Col. Dean F. Winn, Letterman Commanding Officer, greets Maj. Gen. Chen Li-kai, Deputy Surgeon General of the Chinese Army, who with six other Medical officers from China, arrived in San Francisco this week on the U. S. Army Transport Aultman. The other officers in the group are Colonels Chien Chen-wu, Tuan Chih-mo, Chiang Hsue-tung, Tsai Shan-te, Sun Te-liang, and Chang Hsueh-shih.

ments are: "An applicant must be between the ages of 21 and 45, be a female citizen of the United States, have served honorably on active duty at any time since 7 December 1941 as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United

States, either as a dietitian, a physical therapist, or as an occupational therapist in a civilian status. She must be unmarried and have no dependents under 14 years of age."

Requirements for the Army Nurse
(Continued on Page 7)

New Internes Here For Year of Duty And Inspection

Following a period of four years during which the Letterman staff was bereft of internes a new class entered into active service on 1 July of this year. These medical graduates of schools with an approved ROTC unit have been commissioned in the Medical corps Reserve and ordered to active duty for one year and at the termination of this period they will be eligible for commissions in the Regular Army on certification of the commanding officer.

The class this year is made up of seven medical and four dental internes and all are first lieutenants, MCR. Those taking the medical course are Ernest F. Adams, Raymond W. Blohm, Jr., Edward S. Brezina, David C. Kellsey, Charles F. Moller, Daniel C. Wilkerson, and D. H. Wilson. On the dental side are Ronald W. Curnes, John M. Lundquist, Ernest F. Miller, and Charles H. Williams.

Colonel John K. Davis, of the Surgical Service, is a former Letterman interne of ten years ago, and others who made their army start here and left for other stations only to return in the past year are Major Andrew C. Offutt, Major Michael H. Hitchko, and Major Edward P. Shannon.

The bill now before Congress to give the medical officers increased pay of \$100.00 per month and an increase of 25 per cent for those who are diplomats of the American specialty boards is expected to receive favorable action before Congress adjourns for the summer recess at the end of this month.

General Eisenhower Accepts Presidency of Columbia

By Sgt. Henry Jenkins

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, has accepted the presidency of Columbia University, effective "at such time as his superiors may release him from active duty with the Army." He will take office probably "during the first half of 1948."

A statement by Major Gen. Floyd L. Parks, head of the War Department's Public Information Division, revealed Gen. Eisenhower's decision. The statement said:

"With the approval of the President of the United States, and Secretary of War, Gen. Eisenhower has accepted the presidency of Columbia University, to become effective at such time as his superiors may release him from active duty in the Army.

"While this date cannot be accurately foreseen, it is probable that with not radical change in the current outlook it should be sometime during the first half of 1948."

It is reported that officials at the Veterans' Administration except that General Omar Bradley, present veterans' administrator, will succeed General Eisenhower as Army chief of staff. General Bradley, who succeeded Brigadier Frank T. Hines as veterans' administrator in 1945, formerly served under General Eisenhower as commander of the American ground forces in Europe.

General Bradley has said more than once that he is eager to get back to active Army life as soon as the Veterans' Administration decentralization is completed and the organization is functioning smoothly.

At Columbia General Eisenhower will take over the job vacated by Nicholas Murray Butler, who retired.

The general has served as Chief of Staff since November 19, 1945, when he was appointed by President Truman to succeed Gen. George C. Marshall, now Secretary of State. Upon his shoulders fell the vast job of whittling the Army down from a wartime strength of 8,000,000 to a peacetime force. During his tenure of office, a major reorganization was effected to streamline the Army, to reduce costs and save personnel.

In the fall of 1941 Gen Eisenhower was a brigadier general. Half a year



THEY SHOOK HANDS WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER
When the Chief of Staff visited Letterman last year, T/4 Russ Nunes of ward 2i (right) and Sgt. Frank Cornell of ward B-2 (standing) were two of the lucky people who had a chance to talk with General Eisenhower.

later he was promoted to major general by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who nominated him for the rank of lieutenant general on July 7, 1942. Both nominations were approved by the Senate.

On November 8, 1942, the General was appointed Allied Commander in Chief for the North African invasion. On February 12, 1943, he became a full general. As Supreme Commander, Gen. Eisenhower directed the Anglo-American invasion forces that fought ashore in Normandy, swept across Europe to bring Germany to "unconditional surrender."

On December 20, 1944, he was

promoted to the rank of General of the Army, an honor rarely accorded a member of the military.

Gen. Eisenhower, a native of Abilene, Kansas, went to West Point, received his B. S. in 1915 and was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Infantry in June of that year. He received the Distinguished Service Medal at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1919, for his "marked administrative ability in the organization, training and preparation for overseas technical troops of the Tank Corps." He was graduated from the War College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1929.

New Grandpa

Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, U. S. Army, retired, former commanding general of Letterman, became a grandfather on 13 June 1947 when Diane Shallenberger arrived at Stanford Hospital. The proud parents are former Captain Garvin F. Shallenberger and Mrs. Shallenberger (Mary Louise Hillman).

Mrs. Hillman came to San Francisco for the big event but the general had to stay at his post in Miami where he is the director of Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



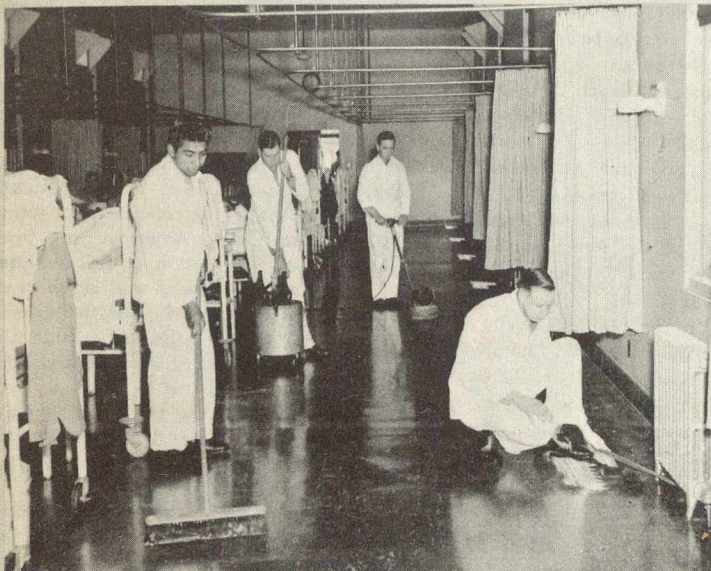
THEY SPAN FOUR WARS

Present at the VFW California Annual Encampment held at Santa Cruz in June were veterans from four wars, and a brand-new Regular Army recruit. Seated: 105 - year - old John W. Smith, Civil War veteran. Standing: (L to R) Calvin E. Scott, Spanish-American War; C. F. Robinson, World War I; Wm. S. Harry, World War II; Gayle E. Waters, new enlistee; M - Sgt. Frank Grubbs, U. S. Army Recruiting Service.



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Is presented to Colonel George F. Peer, MC, by Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, for meritorious achievement in Italy from 1943 to 1945.



CLEAN-UP TIME ON WARD M-1

Detachment men on ward duty do general ward cleaning preceding inspection. L to R: T-4 Kenneth Hurla, Pfc. Donald Brown, Pvt. Frank Barela, Pfc. Matthew Sarich.



FISHING ABOARD THE L-101

The Letterman boat is the scene of lots of fishing fun for patients and duty personnel. Five trips weekly are made around the Bay and outside the Golden Gate. Personnel may sign up for the trips at the Special Services office.

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EDITORIAL

How About Safety?

Maybe you get tired of hearing about safety campaigns. You probably think it's fine for the other fellow. Maybe you're even one of those individuals who shakes his head and says morosely "I know what I'm doing when I'm driving, but how do I know what the other fellow is going to do?"

Well, of course to everybody else you **are** the other fellow. Confusing, isn't it? That other people should think you're unpredictable, when all the time you're thinking the same thing about them.

Of course if we all stuck to the letter of the law, we wouldn't be unpredictable. If we stopped at the stop signs, and didn't try to make the next light, and didn't insist on passing everybody ahead of us, we'd not only reach our destination, but we'd get there in one piece. Why be a fender-bender? What does it get you?

Suppose you want to get somewhere in a hurry. With all the rushing you can do, you'll probably gain a great big ten minutes of time. And if you have an accident, the whole business will be a total loss. Not only loss of time. It may be loss of your physical well-being, too.

Even though we live in a world in which time is of major importance, think how seldom it is a matter of life and death that you risk death to be a

WAC

Back to duty is M/Sgt. Opal Glenn, who looks as if she had a good time in Texas.

First Sgt. Eileen V. Venters is enjoying a twelve-day furlough in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Seen on the wards again is Sgt. Frances Black, properly rested after a change of scenery.

T/5 Jeanne Zack has been welcomed as a member of our company. She was formerly stationed at Fort Ord.

It is good to see that Barbara Mostella is on duty again, after being a patient, for several days. And Rose Rusack and Ethel Lee are holding their spirits in high key, to do justice to their status as patients.

Captain Lassiter and Captain Chapin spent the weekend in the quiet of the woods in the wilds beyond the Russian River.

Last weekend Aletha Birchfield, Kay Coffin and Hannah Goldberg had a social, political and economic session concerning the present evils of the world, within the four walls of Kay's apartment.

Congratulations to our one red-headed former acting CO, Lieutenant Frances Harlee, who clipped off another year of the calendar on 30 June. The office celebrated with birthday cake and trimmings.

Newcomer to the company is Corporal Ethel Steep, who was transferred from Dugway Proving Grounds, Tooele, Utah. Ethel is assigned to ward B-1.

If on Thursday night you find time heavy on your hands, how about a game of Bingo at the NCO Club? There is always the chance you will head home heavy laden with the jack pot of many nickels and dimes.

Promotion

From Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant: Naomi Esther Meilicke, MDD.

A man that seeks truth and lives it must be reckoned precious to any human society. — **Frederick The Great.**

Temperance gives nature her full play, and enables her to exert herself in all her force and vigor.— **Addison.**

certain place at a certain time. Very seldom, isn't it?



First Lieutenant Dorcas Barondes, ANC, who has been on ward F-2 at Letterman for nearly two years, returned from a leave in which the high spot was the week she spent at Annapolis, Md., where she went to attend the graduation of her son from the U. S. Naval Academy. Her son, Ensign Earl Barondes, was graduated with distinction, and has recently filed application for a Rhodes scholarship. His mother is proud of the fact that she was his "drag" at all the festivities of the week. She explains that "drag" is synonymous with "best girl." She is now looking forward to going to West Point next year, when her other son, Arthur, will be graduated and receive his commission in the Army. Lieutenant Barondes wears two rings, miniature West Point and Annapolis rings, gifts of her sons. While on leave she also visited New Orleans, the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, and Carlsbad Cavern.

The following appointments in the Regular Army, Army Nurse Corps, were announced recently:

To be lieutenant colonels—Florence A. Blanchfield, Jessie M. Braden, Ida W. Danielson, Mary F. Galli, Alida J. Garrison, Ida L. Langenheder, Elizabeth V. Messner, Joanna Peters, Agnes A. Resch, Elsie E. Schneider, Burdette B. Sherer, Lillian G. Thompson, Maidie E. Tilly, Edna D. Umbach, and Rozené Wentz.

To be majors—Lucile B. Bacchieri, Bernice W. Chambers, Sosalie D. Colhoun, Helen A. Dugan, Pearl T. Ellis, Elizabeth Fitch, Anna M. Grassmyer, Abigail B. Graves, Frances C. Henchey, Helen V. Johnson, Pauline Kirby, Dorothy M. Kurtz, Mary Miller, Mary J. Miller, Dora A. Noble, Amy R. Penderraff, Mary C. Scherer, Sara M. Schoenberger, Augusta L. Short, and Alice Wickward.

To be captains—Helen Adams, Vivian L. Allmendinger, Eleanor R. Asleson, Mary S. Barry, Estella Baylor, Jayne E. Belcher, Monta R. Boswell, Althea V. Buckins, Burnett C. Drumm, Blanche H. Eager, Martha Fulwood, Mable E. Hause, Myrtle C. Huhner, Cecelia F. Kehoe, Vir-

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 6 July, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Awards

Two awards were presented at Letterman during the past week. Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, decorated Colonel George F. Peer, MC, with the Bronze Star Medal, and Master Sergeant Robert F. Bergen, LGH Sergeant Major, with the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Colonel Peer's citation stated that his award was given "for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from 15 August 1943 to 31 July 1945. As Commanding Officer of a 500-bed Station Hospital, Colonel Peer displayed outstanding qualities of initiative, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty in guiding its operations through the most difficult hospitalization phases of the Italian campaigns. During this time superior medical and surgical care was rendered to almost 12,000 patients under the trying conditions of jointly operating an American and prisoner of war section of the installation, and because of military necessity receiving battle casualties as well as the sick. At the same time the installation maintained a high degree of administrative efficiency and the morale of the personnel was excellent, thereby reflecting great credit upon Colonel Peer and the Army Medical Corps."

M/Sgt. Bergen's Army Commendation Ribbon was given for his services as hospital sergeant major at Oakland Regional Hospital from March 1942 to December 1944.

ginia K. Kilroy, Ethel A. Lamansky, Blenda M. Laverick, Margaret M. Moss, Julia I. Mullen, Clemmie L. Reynolds, Alvine L. Schmidt, Catherine M. Underdown, and Lena Vanderwood.

ON THE SPOT



ERNEST RANGEL
Corporal

On ward E-1 they call Corporal Ernest Rangel "Maestro" because he plays the guitar, and now that he's gone on a 15-day furlough, no doubt they'll miss his strumming, so that when he returns they'll be asking for "Music, Maestro, Please!"

Ernest is a native of Los Angeles, and before he was in the Army he did clerical work for Postal Telegraph and later had his own business, a retail liquor store. He hopes to have his own store again after he receives his discharge.

He came into the Army in 1943 at Fort Mac Arthur, and was sent to Camp Walters, Texas, for training. He then joined the 25th Infantry Division at Camp Stoneman and left for overseas duty in New Caledonia. In April 1945, while serving on Luzon, he was wounded by machine gun fire, and was hospitalized for six weeks at Leyte before being evacuated to the States by air.

Ernest has been a patient in four California hospitals: Torney General at Palm Springs, Birmingham General at Van Nuys, Dibble General at Menlo Park, and finally Letterman, where he has been for the past year.

He began learning to play the guitar while he was at Dibble and it was there "with guitar-book in hand," he says, that he met the girl who is now Mrs. Ernest Rangel. They were married September 3, 1946, at San Rafael. Mrs. Rangel lives with her parents in San Jose and comes to San Francisco frequently to visit her husband. While he is on furlough, they intend to visit Los Angeles.

Here at LGH Ernest is taking guitar lessons from Mrs. A. Aiken, and he is full of gratitude for her help in his musical studies. He is also taking English, and bookkeeping and accounting courses under Educa-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Larry Joubert of ward K-2 admits he sometimes enjoys giving a fellow-patient a bad time, but he's always penitent about it afterwards (it says here). Seems he came into the ward the other night and found Clint Logas sound asleep and just couldn't resist the impulse to go over and ask loudly "Are you asleep yet, Clint?" He also likes to razz Clint about his new haircut, which is different, and will probably be widely imitated. What's more, Larry insists that Clint cut it himself. Must be ambidextrous. As a measure of retaliation, Clint sadly observes when Larry speaks of "Frisco" that saying "Frisco" instead of San Francisco is "an indication of a lazy mind." You can see that they're the best of friends.

Wallace Skaggs of ward B-2, enthusiastic member of the Letterman Anglers' Club, is the owner of a bait knife which lives in a handsome red leather case made by Wallace himself.

Continuing the eternal discussion about the name of San Francisco, John Krutscher of ward K-2, remarks that he calls it "Sad" Francisco. But then he's about to be discharged and return home to Dayton, Ohio, so maybe the sad means he's sorry to say good-bye to sunny California?

George Dugan of ward 28 is from Fillmore, Utah, and is longing for a sight of his native state. Te's agitating for a furlough and says if he doesn't get one it will be very bad for his morale. Here's wishing him luck.

Nineteen silver dollars found their way into nineteen pockets at the two USAFI Quiz Shows broadcast this week, and the ones who knew the right answers were: Maurice E. Watts, Anthony F. Sona, William Jackson, Tony Lafaro, Joseph Irla, Jim Cordell, George Gordon, Edward L. Pope, Henry J. Quick, Reed E. Allredtsen, Dallas McMillan, Billy Thomas, Mary Donahue, Kenneth Burn, Katherine Lewis, Dewey Davis, John D. Catty, Antonio Acre, Edward Kubay.

Reyornes Burrage of Chicago, paternal Reconditioning, and has passed a GED test and received his high school diploma since he has been a patient here.

tient on ward K-2, passes his time in the hospital reading mystery stories and making hooked rugs. He's so proficient at the latter that when a fellow-patient left the hospital recently and also left a half-finished rug, Reyornes completed the rug.

Life at LGH must be plenty strenuous for Frank Soto of ward 31. He just returned from a furlough, remarking that he "had to go home to rest up once in a while."

Robert Brace of ward K-2 has a picture of a super pin-up girl on his bedside table. Unfortunately, Betty Linderman, the original of the picture, is a long way off—in Pennsylvania. But from the message on the picture it looks as though it doesn't matter that Robert's home is in Sacramento and hers is almost a continent away—her thought are California-bound.

John Schweighart of ward K-2 has been a patient here only two weeks, having come here from McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena, but he's been away from his home and family in Brewster, Washington, so long that it isn't easy to be patient about being a patient.

John Turner, who has been a patient at Letterman for 18 months, is eagerly looking forward to getting back home to Tennessee now that he has been told that in another six weeks he will be able to leave the hospital. His wife Maggie is here in San Francisco, but his two children are at home in Tennessee with his mother, and he doesn't want them to grow up too much before he sees them again. He has a son, John Douglas, who is 5, and a daughter, Joan, who is nearly three.

"So you like my pooch," beamed the sportily attired gent, "I'm glad. It cost me a thousand dollars, very rare breed. Part schnauzer and part bull."

"Amazing," clucked the lady he had just met. "Which part is bull?"

The gent broke down. "The part about the thousand dollars," he confessed.

John: "I think Sybil will be an ideal wife. Every time I call on her I find her darning her father's socks."

James: "That caught me too, until I noticed that it always was the same sock."

WAC OF THE WEEK



SHEILA DAUGHERTY
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Sheila Daugherty, who liked life in the WAC well enough to re-enlist after nine months as a civilian, says she feels she has been mighty lucky in her Army assignments because they have all been in the kind of work she likes—laboratory technician.

Sheila is a native of the Pacific Northwest, having been born in Portland, Oregon. Before she came into the Army, she did office work, but she wanted a change, and was interested in hospital work, so in November 1944, she joined the WAC.

She went to Fort Des Moines for her basic training, and was then sent to Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for training as a laboratory technician. Her first duty station was Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, California, where she spent ten months doing lab work and found she liked it as much as she had hoped she would.

After two months each at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, and at Pratt General Hospital, Miami, Florida, she received her discharge, in July 1946.

While she was a civilian Sheila began studying accounting with the idea of becoming a Certified Public Accountant. The course takes four years, and after completing one term, Sheila decided to re-enlist in the WAC. However she intends to go back and become a CPA later. After induction at Fort Lewis last month, she was assigned to Letterman, and is now on duty here in the clinical laboratory. She found several friends among the detachment members here, and says she was happy to come to LGH because she likes "sea coast towns."

Sheila enjoys dancing, bowling and swimming.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Frances Perry of the Laundry has just returned from a super vacation which she spent in the Pacific Northwest. On her itinerary were Seattle, the Columbia River, Vancouver, B. C., and Victoria, on Vancouver Island.

Jeanette Gardner of the Sick and Wounded Office vacationed in La Jolla, and while there she attended the harness races.

When Rose Rosen, former Lettermanite, dropped in the other day to see her friends here, she reported that she is busy these days painting her house. Peggy Janick, formerly in the Record Room, also came in one day to see her former co-workers. Peggy is living in Tiburon.

Lee Kissinger of Sick and Wounded Office is now a resident in "Marvelous Marin" having moved to Sausalito and joined the ranks of the daily commuters.

Slightly tardy congratulations to Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel, who celebrated her birthday last week. There was a party at her home in joint celebration of Esther's and her father's birthdays, which are on consecutive days. Nice timing.

Helen Smith received a 20-page letter last week and she read it while having breakfast one morning in the PX Grill and she couldn't eat for reading. Ah, romance!

Pat McCall, Military Police, is on sick leave and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Among the many people who went fishing on the Letterman boat Sunday was Alice Torgersen of Finance office, and she has a sunburn to prove it.

Ray Shine, Civilian Personnel, has a sunburn too and he got it while sitting in his own backyard in San Francisco!

Evelyn Webb, Finance, went to Deer Park Sunday, where she indulged in a fast and furious game of tennis.

Genevieve Carson, Finance, and her friends had company at their picnic in Inverness Sunday, in the form of a deer and fawn.

Juanita Lawson, Finance, is resigning to take up the duties of a housewife.

Ruth Staley, part-time typing instructor, is now in the Control Office. She is assisting Martha Phillips in the duties of the Retiring Board.

SHE FOUND ROMANCE AS WELL AS ROUTINE FEATURED IN ARMY LIFE



First Sergeant EILEEN V. VENTERS
In charge of Morning Report Section.

First Sergeant Eileen Venters, who is in charge of the Morning Report Section here at Letterman, will complete five years service in the WAC in a couple of months.

Sergeant Venters was born in Minnesota. Before she joined the WAC she was secretary and office nurse in a doctor's office, and she enjoyed her work so much that she particularly wanted hospital work when she came into the Army. However, it didn't work out that way, because she was assigned to cadre, and her hospital experience has all been on the administrative side. But she found she liked that work, too.

In September 1942 she was inducted at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, and after completing basic at Fort Des Moines she was assigned to duty at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. In 1943 she attended Army clerk's school, and returned to Fort Sheridan as company clerk. In May 1945 she made first sergeant, and went to Camp Grant, Illinois, which was then a re-deployment center for men returning from the ETO and being sent to Pacific stations. When the

camp closed in April 1946, Sergeant Venters returned to Fort Sheridan and was assigned as a counsellor in the Separation Center. A month later she was sent to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, and remained there until the hospital closed last September. Her next station was Mason General Hospital at Long Island, N. Y., and when Mason closed in December, she was assigned to Letterman and her present duty in the Morning Report Section.

Sergeant Venters found romance as well as routine in the Army, and is now the wife of Richard Venters, former Army man. They live near the post, and Mrs. Venters has a chance to indulge in two of her favorite occupations, cooking and baking. Her husband is a student at the College of Mortuary Science. They both like California so well that they intend to make their home here permanently.

Besides the aforementioned cooking and baking, Sergeant Venters also enjoys dancing and movies and watching baseball and football games.



To Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Lathrop, a boy, **Timothy Jon**, weight 8 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 24 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Herman Sarnowsky, a girl, **Pamela Fredda**, weight 6 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 26 June.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Marion Knight, a girl, **Marilyn Jean** weight 7 pounds and 9½ ounces born 26 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Theodore Ward, a girl, **Patricia Elizabeth**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 27 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Albert W. Foster, a boy, **Philip Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 28 June.

To CWO and Mrs. John Dickerson, a girl, **Joyce Lea**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 28 June.

To M/Sgt and Mrs. Leonard Anderson a girl, **Karen Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 28 June.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. Willis Crump, a girl, **Cynthia Mae**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 29 June.

Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced forthcoming examinations for Metallurgist and for Electrician. Closing date for applications for the position of Metallurgist is 22 July 1947, and the positions are in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. No written test is required, but applicants qualifications will be judged from a review of their experience, education and training.

The electrical positions are for General Electrician and Power Plant Electrician, with work in the San Francisco Bay Area. Salaries range from \$1.18 to \$1.66 per hour. No written test is required on these positions, and applications will be received until further notice.

Those interested in further details may consult the hospital bulletin boards, or inquire at the Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Uncle and niece stood watching the young people dance about them.

"Ill bet you never saw any dancing like that back in the nineties, huh, uncle?"

"Once—but the place was raided."

MORE ABOUT SCREENING CENTER

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Corps: "The applicant must be between 21 and 35 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a graduate registered nurse who has served satisfactorily in the ANC as a Reserve or AUS officer during World War II, who is physically qualified for full military duty, and who passes prescribed integration tests."

The Regular Army appointments are for life, but the appointee may resign by her own choice at any time. Pay and allowances are the same as for male officers.

Retirement benefits provide for retirement at age 50 for officers up to and including the rank of captain, with pay of 2½ per cent of base and longevity pay multiplied by years of service, or retirement after twenty years service regardless of age. Those officers with the rank of major or higher may retire at age 55 under the same conditions. After retirement, personnel are eligible for the same medical and dental care as when on active duty.

Major Jack D. Burnett, MAC, has been named commanding officer of the War Department Screening Center here, with First Lieutenant Phillip A. Matthews, AGD, as control officer, and First Lieutenant Margaret A. Kimpton, WAC, as testing officer. Lieutenant Kimpton will also act as administrative assistant to Lieutenant Matthews. Enlisted personnel assigned to the screening center are: 1/Sgt. Daniel T. Barry, T/Sgt. Maron Nichols, T/4 Harold Sofferman, and Pvt. Arthur Keener.

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, MC, is president of the officers' interview board, with the following assistants: Lieutenant-Colonel Jack W. Schwartz, MC; Lieutenant-Colonel Joanna Peters, ANC; Major Frances Henchey, ANC; Major Manley G. Morrison, PC; Captain Velma L. Richardson, MDD; Captain Emily Fairbanks, MDPT, and Miss Mary K. Berteling, OTR.

Discharge Papers Forgotten

Indianapolis (AFPS)—Original discharge papers from the armed services apparently are not as highly-treasured and necessary as some people believe, says Carl Lich, Marion county chief deputy recorder.

The papers of more than 300 veterans brought to Lich to be photostated still are lying unclaimed in his office.

LETTERMAN'S NEW BAND LEADER SPENT 39 MONTHS OVERSEAS DUTY



CWO OLIVER MERGOLIN
Band Leader, 358th Army Band

Chief Warrant Officer Oliver Mergolin, who has been band leader of the 358th band at Letterman since the departure of CWO Charles Cook upon retirement, says that he may be called the "successor to Mr. Cook," but that we should not say he replaced Mr. Cook. "I couldn't really take his place," says Mr. Mergolin, "I'm not that good."

In spite of this modest attitude, Mr. Mergolin brings a long record of Army band work to his assignment with the Letterman band. A native of New York City, he attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, where he majored in music. Upon his graduation in 1940 he joined the National Guard, and became a member of the 244th Coast Artillery Band at Camp Pendleton, Virginia. He served with the 244th there and at Fort Macon, North Carolina.

He attended the Army Music School at Fort Meyer, Virginia, and was graduated as a band leader in November 1942. He was then assigned as leader of the band attached to the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and after service at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Camp McCall, North Carolina, went overseas with the regiment in December 1943, to begin overseas duty which lasted 39 months.

During that lengthy stay overseas he served in Ireland, England, France, Belgium and Germany. After the war ended the regiment,

then in Frankfort, Germany, was chosen as the honor guard for General Dwight Eisenhower. "For a while there was a big parade just about every other day, and the band had plenty of opportunity to make music," says Mr. Mergolin.

Later, when the members of the 508th returned home, Mr. Mergolin remained in Frankfort with the headquarters command band. While there he met and married his wife Hella, a native of Poland who was then in Germany. Their daughter Sylvia was born in Frankfort. They returned to the States in March of this year, and the voyage was so hard on the baby that she was a patient in a New York Army hospital for six weeks after their return.

The Mergolins came to San Francisco in May, when Mr. Mergolin was assigned to LGH, and they are now settled in the home they bought recently in the Sunset district. Sylvia, who is now 11 months old, is thriving in her new environment, and her parents like it here too.

Mr. Mergolin is currently taking courses in music at the San Francisco conservatory. This week he received a long-awaited package from overseas—a valuable violin, a gift from his wife. His favorite instrument is the violin. And why not, since he had his first violin lesson at the age of nine?

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

There are so many opportunities for those who are in the service, as many if not more than for civilians—that all should grab the chance immediately. The many schools in the city offer a wide variety of subjects to choose from, and many courses are offered on the post, not to mention the correspondence courses which are available through USAFI.

Almost everyone, at some time or another, has said to himself, "I'd like to be a writer." Strangely enough, more individuals than one would think do become writers in a small way, and supplement their incomes with an occasional check from a publisher. Those who make their living in this profession, however, and more particularly those who become wealthy in it, seldom do so without long hours of hard work and self-discipline. Nearly all successful writers have one formula, and only one—work!!

There are as many types of writing as there are tastes in reading. Special courses in short-story work, feature articles, juvenile stories, contemporary fiction, poetry forms, and related subjects are helpful. Necessary tools include a mastery of typing and training in note-taking and observation.

Can a person do this preparatory work while in the service? YES—there is even an AR to cover it—the Army wants its personnel to write, and encourages "budding" authors. Even with such official blessing, some reluctant writers feel that red tape and channels will snarl their efforts hopelessly. This feeling should be discouraged—since the end of hostilities censorship and review regulations have been relaxed and simplified until it is almost as easy for military personnel to write for publication as it is for civilians.

If you are one of the people who would like to do something about your career as a writer, don't wait any longer—see about it now—don't wait for Opportunity to play a tune on your door. Come to the Educational Reconditioning Officer now—Bldg. 1039, or call ext. 4403.

Lt.: "Don't you know that you're supposed to salute me?"

Pvt.: "Yes sir, I know. But I'm AWOL and I don't want to be conspicuous."



(AFPS) Long before the 1947 baseball season opened, with a grandiose display of that brash judgment for which we have acquired more than fleeting recognition through the passing years, we nominated Johnny Neun's Cincinnati Reds for tenancy of the National League dungeon. Well, we were right close at that, only six feet five inches away—that measurement representing the height of the pitchingest man in the majors at the moment, 25-year-old Ewell Blackwell of San Dimas, California.

Current feats of the great young right hander have prompted more sincere accolades from opposing batters than ever were accorded Bob Feller, Hal Newhouser and other pitching greats of the past decade. Without exception, all the top hitters who have faced him say the Reds' ace is alone in his class.

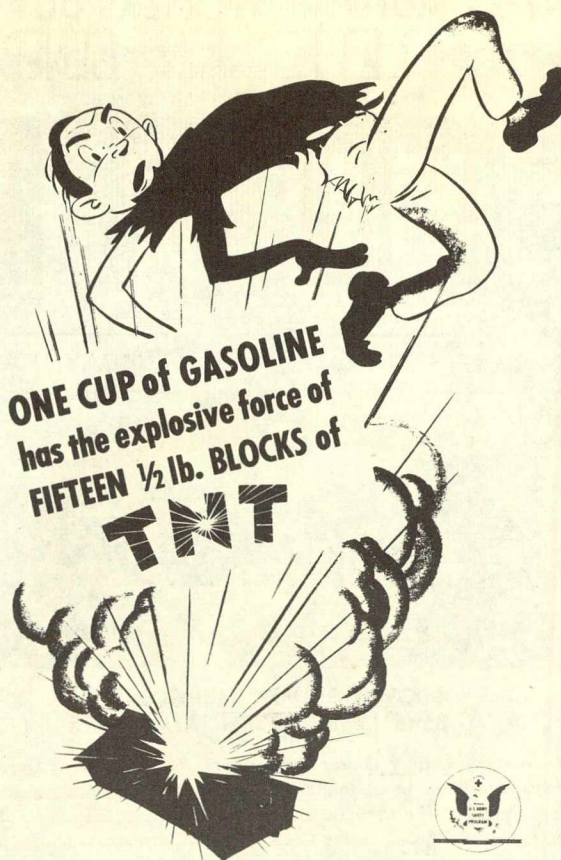
Blackwell's ninth straight victory and his eleventh of the season was a 4 to 0 whitewash of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Eddie Stanky's single with one out in the ninth spoiled his bid to duplicate Johnny Vander Meer's 1938 feat of pitching two consecutive no-hit games. On June 18th Blackwell had tossed a 6-0 no-hitter at the Boston Braves. Oddly, Vander Meer's no-hitters were over the Braves and the Dodgers.

Baseball veterans are of the opinion that Blackwell is better than an even-money bet to turn in at least one more no-hitter before the finale of the 1947 season. Some optimists believe he may make history by becoming the first pitcher to record three no-hitters in a single season. Only two pitchers have collected that many in a life time, Lawrence J. Corcora and Denton T. (Cy) Young.

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In the picturesque setting of the Forest Hills stadium on Long Island, New York, on June 22, Bobby Riggs retained his world professional tennis championship with a hard won 6-3, 3-6, 10-8, 4-6, 6-3 victory over redheaded Don Budge, and thereby set himself up for at least \$30,000 income for the next year.

Riggs, a stocky sturdy fellow, ad-



VA Reports on Education, Training Program

Veterans Administration Branch 12 (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) spent \$121,890,000 on the education and training of veterans in the 10 months from July 1, 1946 to May 1, 1947, Colonel Thomas J.

mits that the title of professional champion enabled him to earn nearly \$28,000 for exhibition matches during the past year. Resurgence of tennis popularity abroad encourages him to anticipate a substantial gain in income through foreign appearances. His earnings to date this year exceed \$15,000, which is well in excess of the average of top flight baseball or basketball professionals. And still some folks think of the pros as "them tennis bums."

Incidentally, it is estimated that Pauline Betz and Mrs Sarah Palfrey Cooke, who recently vacated the amateur ranks they had ruled for nearly a decade, will reap more than \$30,000 for exhibition tours in their first year in the play-for-pay brigade.

Cross, VA chief here, reported this week.

The above amount does not include VA obligations for services rendered by schools and colleges and for which the VA has not been billed.

The \$121,890,000 includes the cost of subsistence, tuition, supplies, equipment and counseling of veterans enrolled in schools or on-the-job training under the G. I. Bill and Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

Subsistence payments alone totaled \$85,330,000. On May 1, there were 181,016 veterans enrolled in schools and on-the-job training in the branch area, including 165,195 in California alone.

VA officials report that nationally more than two and a quarter billion dollars has been spent to provide education and on-the-job training for veterans of World War II.

National figure includes the cumulative cost of \$415,540,000 through the end of fiscal year 1946, and expenditures during the first 10 months of the current fiscal year of \$1,867,000,000.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

National Service Life Insurance, often described as the greatest benefit granted the majority of veterans by a grateful government, places the emphasis on "life" when it comes to protecting the veteran.

Although many veterans retain or reinstate their NSLI to provide protection for their families in the event of their deaths, the insurance is actually worth a great deal to the veteran during his lifetime.

Contrasting the one benefit, death claims, paid on the death of the veteran, are five benefits that operate to protect the veteran during his lifetime. These liberal benefits are: 1. Loans on permanent insurance; 2. Cash value; 3. Proceeds of endowment policies; 4. Disability premium waiver and 5. disability income payments.

A loan up to 94 percent of the reserve may be made on any permanent NSLI policy, which includes ordinary life, 20 and 30 payment life, 20-year endowment and endowments at age 60 and 65, at any time after the policy has been in effect one year.

Any permanent form of NSLI premiums for which have been paid in full for one year may be surrendered for its cash value. The cash surrender value differs with each type of policy, and will be reduced by loan indebtedness, if any.

All NSLI policies provide for waiver of premiums after a veteran has been totally disabled for six or more consecutive months. Premium payments should be made by the veteran until the waiver is granted and premiums paid during the period of disability will be returned.

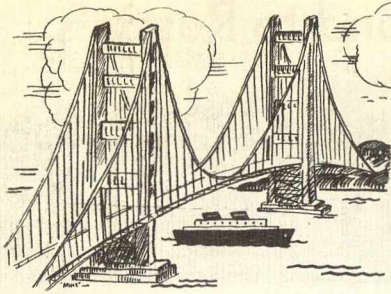
For a small additional premium, a new disability feature may be added to all types of NSLI upon application. This feature provides payment of \$5 a month for each \$1,000 of insurance in force for veterans who are totally disabled for more than six consecutive months commencing prior to the veteran's 60th birthday. Payments commence on the first day of the seventh consecutive month of disability.

Question: Can I specify in my National Service Life Insurance policy that in event my wife remarried after my death, payment of the balance of insurance benefits shall be made to my mother?

Answer: No.

Boy: One more kiss, darling.

Girl: We don't have time. Father will be home in an hour.



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Two Letterman Patients Receive Decorations

Two Letterman patients received awards here last week and the decorations were presented by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, in an informal ceremony in his office.

The Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" for valor was awarded to First Lieutenant Delmar T. Nejo for heroic service in France, and the Army Commendation Ribbon was presented to Colonel Terry P. Bull, DC, for meritorious service with the Far East Command.

Lieut. Nejo, patient on ward B-1, was a Staff Sergeant at the time of the action for which he received the Bronze Star. He was later commissioned in the field. The citation accompanying the award states:

"Staff Sergeant Delmar T. Nejo, 39230958, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 8 October 1944. For a period of more than fourteen hours, Sergeant Nejo accompanied a tank-infantry combat team engaged in an attack against the enemy, administering first aid to innumerable casualties and evacuating thirty-five wounded soldiers. He voluntarily entered the town while a fire fight was still in progress. On two occasions, a tire on his vehicle was punctured by enemy shellfire, and on both occasions he promptly changed tires under enemy observation and fire. He entered three disabled tanks to check for casualties. Sergeant Nejo's courageous and efficient performance under enemy fire, his disregard for personal safety, and his zealous devotion to duty reflect high credit upon his character and training as

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Colonel JOHN D. BLAIR, M. C.
Letterman's latest to become a regular

COLONEL BLAIR COMMISSIONED IN R.A.

Colonel John D. Blair, of the Orthopedic Service, celebrated the Fourth of July by being sworn in as an officer of the Medical Corps, Regular Army, with the permanent rank of Major.

The colonel came to Letterman after more than four years in the Pacific Theatre of Operations and joined station here in August of last year. He is a native of the state of Washington, and a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Oregon. He practiced for five years in Vancouver, Wash., and spe-

cialized in orthopedics at the University of Iowa for three years before accepting extended active duty under his reserve commission.

Colonel Blair says his profession is his hobby and San Francisco has enough in the way of points of interest to take up his spare time in sight seeing. It will be of more than passing interest to mention that he is still a bachelor.

The colonel was the only officer on the Letterman medical staff to be commissioned in the Regular Army in the recent integration.

Discharge of Medical Officers Liberalized

The War Department recently announced a streamlining of discharge criteria for all Medical Department officers effective July 1. All non-volunteer doctors, dentists, dietitians, Veterinary and Sanitary Corps officers will be eligible for separation upon completion of two years' service. Nurses, physical therapists, and officers of the Medical Administrative Corps, except those who have volunteered for extended active duty, will be eligible for immediate separation.

Critically needed medical officers can still be individually retained where it is essential for the proper care of patients, the announcement stated. At present there are thirty-six specialists being retained as essential in Army hospitals.

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, newly appointed Surgeon General, explained that this new demobilization plan will permit the separation of medical specialists who previously have been subject to three years' service. General Bliss emphasized an important advantage of the plan is that it will facilitate the reclassification of young doctors in specialist grade.

Service requirement for members of both the Veterinary and Sanitary Corps will be reduced from thirty-two months to twenty-four months. Practically all non-volunteer Medical Administrative Corps officers and Physical Therapists have already been separated and the reduction in length of service requirements will affect only a handful of these officers. There is no change for dentists, dietitians and nurses.

Gen. Eisenhower Testifies Our Army Second to Russia's

(AFPS)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, told the Senate Appropriations subcommittee in Washington that the "thinly deployed," inexperienced U. S. Army is a "poor second" to the army of the Soviet Union.

In a twelfth-hour appeal for restoration of Army funds slashed by the House Appropriations Committee, the General declared further deterioration threatened by the House cut of \$435,809,077 "would push us past the last outpost of calculated risk and fully into the field of gambling."

"The War Department," General Eisenhower warned, "does not entirely exclude the possibility of war next year, though it does not regard war probable." In a written statement handed to members of the Appropriations subcommittee, the former Allied Supreme Commander in Europe said: "I have taken some risks in my time, but I can tell you frankly the House action is too risky for me to endorse at this time."

He urged that the Senate take the following steps:

1. Restore \$375,000,000 of the \$435,809,077 clipped by the House.
2. Approve a supplemental budget of \$103,000,000 for the Army Air Forces.

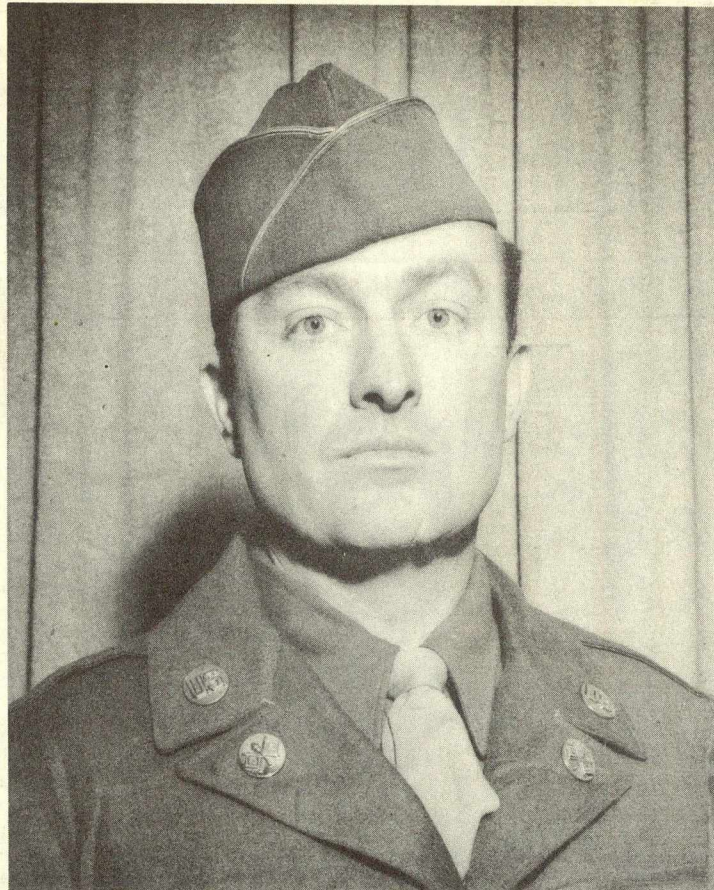
Due to the House budget slash the Air Forces would be able to purchase only 792 planes instead of the 932 it seeks, the General said.

Gen. Eisenhower said the most crippling action by the House was cutting funds necessary for 17,000 officers, 2,600 warrant officers and 74,000 civilians. The War Department, he reported, would agree to a reduction of 32,000 civilians.

(The House action curtailing funds for 2,600 warrant officers during the next 12 months would throw a wrench into the tentative enlisted career plan, the Senate subcommittee was told.)

(It not only would require reduction of hundreds of warrant officers but also would block promotions into the first enlisted pay grade.)

Pointing out that today's Army is composed largely of young inexperienced volunteers scattered thinly throughout the world, the Chief of Staff estimated the minimum military strength should be 1,070,000 military personnel and 461,000 civilians. These figures were indorsed



GIVES UP THE SEA FOR SOLDIERING

Edward R. Jurberg, 338 Highland Ave., San Mateo, Calif., stowed away his sea bag for good on 26 June, when he enlisted as a technical sergeant in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. With 12 years of accumulated Navy and Coast Guard service to his credit, Jurberg is frank in admitting that he chose the Army this time because of the benefits he'll receive under its new retirement plan. Now only 33, he'll be able to retire in just eight years—at 41—on one-half his base pay. His wife was in full accord with his decision to join up.

by President Truman, but reduced by the House.

These additional gloomy facts about the Army's plight were described to the subcommittee:

1. Modernization is lagging. The Army Ground Forces have no modernization program.

2. The present mobile ground reserve is only two and one-third divisions.

3. The Army does not now have nor will it have next year a sufficient force to stand off aggression while the country mobilizes its resources for total war.

4. The National Guard and Reserve Officers Training Corps have been curtailed for lack of funds.

5. Military locations now are excellent but should be strongly held.

The subcommittee senators who sat through the two-hour session seemed impressed. Sen. Chan Gurney, chairman, declared that "some very necessary appropriations must be restored."

Sen. Hayden of Arizona said he agreed with Gen. Eisenhower that House reductions in both military and civilian personnel of the War Department "would greatly weaken" the Army because officers and men would have to be diverted to civilian jobs.

Summing up his appeal for restoration of the House-curtailed military budget for the coming fiscal year,

Baseball

The Letterman General Hospital Softball nine continued their winning ways by winning two very close ball games over the week end. On Saturday night at Oakland under the lights before a large crowd, the Letterman Team edged the Water House American Legion Team 4 to 2 in a pitchers battle. The Legion team had just won the American Legion championship of Southern California. Dryer pitched for the winners, allowing six hits and striking out four, while Brasher and Buhalt chucked for the losers allowing 8 hits while whiffing 12 men. The extra base blows for Letterman were hit by Masiello and Lehman, both being triples.

On Sunday afternoon the Letterman team beat a strong 12th Naval District team 4 to 2, the games also being a tight pitchers duel between Phillips of the Navy and Adams of Letterman. Adams allowed the losers only 4 hits, striking out 3, while Phillips, the losing pitcher, allowed the same number but had the edge in strike-outs, getting five. The individual start of the game for Letterman was Warkoczewski, the catcher, who came through with a timely double with the bases loaded driving in three runs, that being enough for Adams to win the first game he's pitched for Letterman General Hospital.

Honorary Degree

Brigadier General Guy B. Denit, USA, Deputy for Plans, Office of The Surgeon General, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the Medical College of Virginia on June 17. General Denit was the only one chosen to receive this honor for 1947.

"Doctor, if there is anything wrong with me, don't give it a scientific name. Say it so I can understand it."

"Very well—you're lazy."

"Gee thanks. Now give me the scientific name. I have to take a report to my boss."

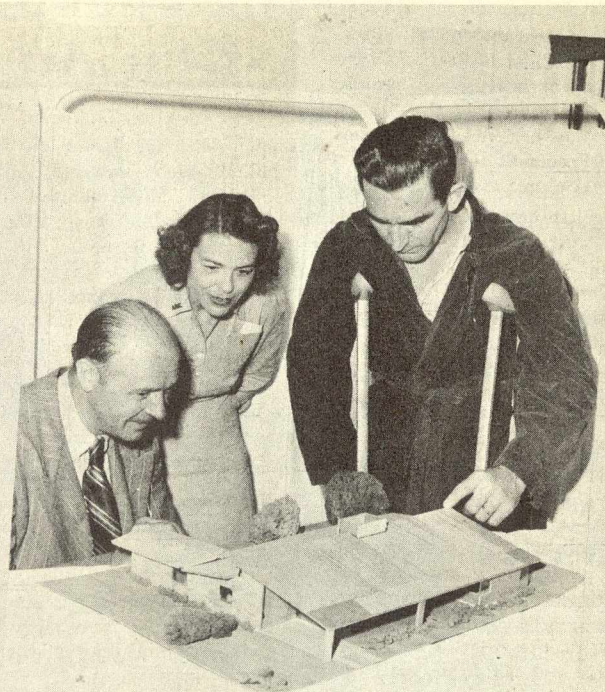
Gen. Eisenhower touched on morale.

"It's good now, he said, but 'will sink' if 'feeling develops that the Army is headed back down the old, dreary trail of parsimony."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



ADDS ANOTHER RIBBON
Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, decorates Col. Terry P. Bull, DC, with the Army Commendation Ribbon for services as Dental Consultant to the Surgeon, Far East Command, from Oct. 1945 to Mar. 1947.



HE BUILT IT HIMSELF
Lt. Lawrence Walthers of San Diego, LGH patient, looks over the model home he built to scale and which he hopes some day to build to live in. Archibald Taylor, interior decorator, and Miss Louise Baer, Red Cross recreation worker, like the house too.



KINDERGARTEN SONGS
Pupils from Patrick Henry Kindergarten sang in the patio for the patients last week, and Lieut. Philip Rudd, LGH patient rated a special solo from Connie Hoffman, 41-2. Mrs. Jackson Craft, Gray Lady, also enjoyed the solo.



DECORATION FOR VALOR
First Lieut. Delmar T. Nejo, LGH patient, is decorated by Col. Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, with the Bronze Star Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster and letter "V" for valor, for heroic service in France.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Military Conduct

The discussion of Military Conduct is a subject particularly appropriate at this time due to the present critical attitude of the public toward our military system and because of the problem it presents to all military commanders.

Military discipline, courtesy and dress are three subjects that should demand the first consideration of the soldier. As a member of the United States Army you are a representative of an organization working under the military system. Your conduct, your obedience, your manner of dress are visible evidence of the success or failure of the Army system of living. Consider yourself then as an Ambassador of Good Will, a liaison agent between the civilian population and the Army.

The Army has a major role to play in the time of peace, and whether you remain an active member of it or not, you hope that it plays its part well.

Military conduct takes on added importance for our post-war organization, military responsibilities, and civilian understanding. It is a situation that challenges all of us—it is our responsibility to accept the challenge—and carry on the tradition of the Army—the best dressed and best behaved soldiers in the world.—**Service Stripe.**



Delving into the knowable but unknown—Colonel **James P. Cooney**, MC, Colonel **Harold I. Amory**, MC., former Lettermanites, with Colonel **Charles T. Young**, MC., and Major **James T. Brennan**, MC., attending a very special course at U. C. Hospital and boarding here.

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Captain **Alfred L. Taro** moving from the "Front Office" to a shack away back in the rear whence Convalescent Services are directed.

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The main course at the 4th of July dinner—dead fish. No birth-day party.

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Charlie Carroll breaking out real saddle soap for favored customers and giving a shine that is worth a dime.

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Colonel **Leonard N. Swanson** presiding over the Interview Board with a paternal poise. A break for the lady officers of the new army.

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Tech. Sgt. **Robert E. McLoughlin** coming back to the fold as a member once again of the headquarters staff.

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Beejay the Bambina with a very bad burn.

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Lieut. Rajala working on a schedule for the bowlers in our midst—and Mr. **William P. Kyne** will foot the bill.

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Major **Irving I. Faling** with plans and plans for everything.

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The most important single influence in the life of a person is another person. We may say to our children: Here is art, science, philosophy, mathematics, music, psychology, history, religion—and we may open innumerable doors along the corridors of living so that they will have a broad and even a minute acquaintance with the segments of life; but these introductions are not as important as knowing people whose characters and actions, personalities and words have grown after similar introductions and have become worthy of emulation.—**Paul D. Shafer.**



Major **Eileen Brady**, ANC, has returned from leave, which she spent at her home in Salt Lake City.

Newcomers welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps this week were Captain **Lourine P. Patterson**, Captain **Winifred Hughes**, and First Lieutenant **Beryl O. Skelton**.

Captain **Velma L. Richardson**, MDD, who arrived at Letterman last week from Pratt General Hospital on 90-day temporary duty, has been an Army dietitian since 1942, when dietitians were in civilian status. She is here as a member of the officers' interview board, processing applicants for Regular Army appointment in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps.

First Lieutenant **Beatrice Hayward**, ANC, of EENT Clinic, is enjoying a 24-day leave at her home in West Bridgewater, Mass.

Yosemite was the holiday destination for First Lieutenants "Pat" **Murphy** and "Billie" **Esteran** over the July 4 week end, and they report a very good time there.

On Sunday, 6 July, First Lieutenant **Virginia L. Peterson**, ANC, became the bride of Mr. **Ronald D. Morison** in a wedding ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Reno, Nevada. Mrs. **Morison** is back on duty at Letterman this week, but she and her husband are planning a trip to Pennsylvania in the near future.

First Lieutenant **Betty Tuhovak**, ANC, is just back from a five-day stay in Carmel, her favorite spot in California, and reports that everything was perfect, including the weather.

Proud Parents

Lt. Col and Mrs. **Robert W. Schott** this week announced the birth of a daughter, born at Letterman on Sunday, 6 July. The baby weighed 4 pounds and 7 ounces, and has been named **Patricia Mary**. Colonel **Schott** is assistant chief of Dental Operative Section at LGH.

Seaman: "Hold my sea bag, will you?"

Lt.: "See here, I'm an officer."

Seaman: "That's all right. I trust you."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 13 July, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced forthcoming examinations for probational appointments for the following positions: Physicist and Engineer, Photographer, Engineer, and Messenger.

Closing date for receipt of applications for the position of Engineer is 28 July; Photographer, 29 July. Applications for the other positions will be accepted until further notice.

Salaries for the position of Physicist and Engineer range from \$3397 to \$9975 a year. Salaries and optional branches for the position of Engineer are: Electronics, \$3397 through \$4902; Radio, same; Petroleum, \$4902.

For Photographer, salaries are from \$2169 to \$3397 a year, and the salary for the position of Messenger is \$1690.

Complete information, and in some cases sample questions, for these positions are available in the Civilian Personnel office, room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Education and business are closely integrated. Education is an essential instrument through which we can develop the people's technical skills and their cultural desires. Educational progress, as we have seen, is the greatest hope of expansion. Business cannot operate well, or wisely, with illiterate or semi-literate people; and, further, if a desire for cultural attainments is cultivated, men and women will work harder to earn and acquire some of the better things of life. Good education is good business.—**Kim Sigler.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



NELLIE P. JOHNSON
First Sergeant

When First Sergeant Nellie P. Johnson received the Army Commendation Ribbon in April 1946 for duty at Birmingham General hospital, Van Nuys, California, she had the distinction of being one of the two WACs in the Ninth Service Command to earn that decoration.

Sgt. Johnson, who was born in South Dakota, now calls Montana her home state. She was an accountant before she entered the Army. She enlisted in the WAC in Portland, Oregon, in September 1943, and went to Des Moines for her basic training. This was followed by Administration School at Alpine, Texas.

Her first duty station was Camp White, at Medford, Oregon, where she was with Special Services, and did bookkeeping. "My first Army job was very much like my civilian occupation," she says. However, that didn't last, as all her subsequent assignments have been on other duties.

After nine months at Camp White she was sent to Santa Barbara, and worked in the re-assignment section for men returning from overseas duty. Birmingham General Hospital was her next station, and while there she made first sergeant, in July 1945, and was first sergeant of the company.

Last December she was assigned to Fort Ord, and in May 1947 she came to Letterman, where she is in the Out-Patient Clinic.

Sgt. Johnson has a son, Robert, who is in the Navy. She is interested in interior decorating, and likes reading and the theatre for leisure-time occupations. She is planning to open a gift shop when she leaves the Army.

Lucy met the train; the train met Lucy.

The track was juicy; the juice was Lucy.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Floyd Hamby of ward C-2 is on the trail of some library books that disappeared from his bedside table while he was on a three-day pass recently. There were five of them, all from the Letterman library, and if someone borrowed them from Floyd's table on a temporary basis he will appreciate it a lot if the borrower will return them, because Floyd will then have an extra \$10 to spend on his forthcoming furlough. (He had to pay for the books, and the bill was \$10.) The titles: **Outdoors Unlimited, Stuart Little, The Elephant and the Kangaroo, The Sword in the Stone, and Mistress Masham's Repose.**

Last week on the "Breakfast Club" radio program, Don McNeill extended an invitation to his listeners to send a "Sunshine Shower" of notes to Letterman patients. As a result letters and cards from all over the United States and even from Canada have been received here this week. So far the following states have been heard from: Illinois, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Washington, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Michigan, Massachusetts, Louisiana, California, and New Jersey. Listeners in the following Canadian provinces have written in also: Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba.

Purchase of Automobiles on Medical Certificates: The Chiefs of Surgical, Medical and Neuropsychiatric Services **ONLY** will sign disability certificates for preference purchases of automobiles. Before signing such certificate, for any auto selling agency, the Chief of Service concerned will require the patient to execute a certificate indicating that the purchaser is buying the car for his own personal use and does not intend to resell this vehicle for at least one year.

Herbert Linkous recently arrived in the states from duty in Manila and is a patient on ward C-2. He is from near Bristol, Virginia, and says he wouldn't mind a bit being a little nearer home.

Eddie Leandro of Modesto, who is a patient on ward C-2, has been at Letterman for 21 months, and says his favorite hospital pastime is reading, mostly detective stories, with a preference for the plots of Erle Stanley Gardner.

On the dollar-an-answer USAFI Quiz Show last week eight patients

knew the right answers and collected the silver cartwheel. They were: **Allen Battiste, Paul Flood, Richard Pettit, S. D. Waggoner, Kenneth Ryals, Anthony Jacobs, John A. Aibulzu, Jr., Dewey Davis.**

Reggie Vallez of ward C-2, who was a welterweight boxer for three years before he was in the Army, is still interested in boxing (as a spectator right now, of course), but he has also become interested in a lot of other activities while in the hospital. He makes and sells yarn dogs. "I try to make them unique," he says. He has a flock of leather bill-folds under way, and is taking courses in English under Educational Reconditioning. "Of course I'm still a sick man," he points out. "When I'm well I can accomplish lots more."

Wanted: Requests. The 358th Army Dance Band presents a program in the LGH patio every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p. m., and patients are invited to phone extension 2275 and request their favorite selections.

Dexter Brodie of ward C-2 and his wife are the proud parents of a 4-month-old son, Peter Edward.

MORE ABOUT
MORE ON DECORATIONS

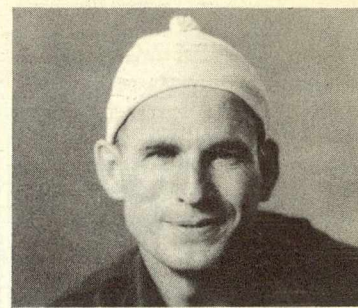
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a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army."

Colonel Bull, who is at present a patient on ward A-1, received the Army Commendation Ribbon with the following citation:

"Colonel Terry P. Bull performed meritorious service as Dental Consultant to the Surgeon, General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, later Far East Command, from October 1945 to March 1947. He served with great credit and distinction in formulating theater dental policies which proved of exceptional value to the continued health and welfare of the command. His broad professional knowledge and superior administrative ability were reflected in the high dental standards which were maintained despite tremendous redeployment losses of trained personnel. Colonel Bull skillfully directed a superior training program and assured the effectiveness of an extended dental supply system."

ON THE SPOT



JOHN M. TURNER
Private First Class

Pfc. John Maples Turner, who is at present a patient on ward K-2, is busy making plans these days for his return to civilian life, because he learned this week that in another month he will be able to leave the hospital. So he and his attractive red-haired wife, Maggie Dee, are discussing their impending return to their home in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Mrs. Turner arrived in San Francisco in May, and will stay until her husband leaves the hospital. She left their two children, 5-year-old John Douglas and two-year-old Joan, at home with her mother.

John has been a hospital patient for the past 18 months. Before he entered the Army he was engaged in farming, and wants to go back to that when he is well enough, though that won't be for some time. He was inducted in February 1945 at Fort McClellan, Alabama, had basic training in Texas, and after two months at Camp Adair, Oregon, went overseas to Okinawa in October.

He was on Okinawa for six months when he was injured by the explosion of a hand grenade. After hospitalization at Okinawa and Manila, he returned to the States in May 1946, and came to Letterman.

Since he has been here he has learned leathercraft, and has made purses, bill folds, and belts. He says his main hobby is the farm, next to his two youngsters, that is.

Father: "Now, children, tell me which one of the family was the most obedient during the past month and did everything mother asked."

Children (in unison): "You, daddy."

Patient: "Isn't there another cure for snake bite besides whiskey?"

Doctor: "Who cares!"

CIVIL CIRCLES

Two Lettermen librarians represented the Sixth Army at the American Library Association convention held in San Francisco last week. Mrs. Leah Frisby, chief librarian, reported on a survey of hospital libraries, and Helen Jones, ward librarian, took part in a panel discussion on "You Never Can Tell What a Book Might Do."

Many civilians took advantage of the three day holiday by taking trips to various parts of the state.

Marion Breach chose Monte Rio and reports a wonderful time. Gilbert Grady went to Lake Tahoe, as did Gloria Crisafulli.

Warren Collin, Civilian Personnel, journeyed to Carmel, where he looked up Kay Hardy, former Public Relations aide at Letterman.

Jean Peetz, Pathology Laboratory, spent the week end holiday at Lobos Lodge at Carmel.

Maggie Trompou spent her time at Guerneville, while Mary Stein went to Paso Robles.

Long Beach was the main stop for June Grumstrup and Hazel Gerkin chose Berkeley.

James Sharp went to Stinson Beach to join in the big Fourth of July celebration. Earl Davidson spent his time in Grass Valley.

Esperidion Lopez gave a party on the Fourth of July, honoring Lt. Col. Saturnino Silva, a Letterman patient.

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new employees of LGH: Phyllis Solon, Enlisted Service Record Section; Walter Duncan, EENT Clinic; Michael Gomez, Receiving office; Evelyn Holmes, Laboratory; and Dorothy Holloway, a former Letterman WAC, who is now a lab technician.

Stella Jackson was welcomed back to Pathology laboratory this week after a two-month absence, and her friends are happy to see that her long siege in a cast has not altered her cheerful disposition. Stella broke her ankle in an automobile accident, and was hospitalized at Merritt Hospital in Oakland, where Dr. Clarence A. Luckey, former Captain Luckey of Letterman was her physician. Now that she's back, she needs a ride from Ingleside, because at present the daily trip involves taking two street cars and a bus. Her phone extension is 4439.

SHE SERVED OVERSEAS DURING THE WAR IN BOTH THE PACIFIC AND ETO



Major ELIZABETH BARRETT, ANC
Returns to duty at Letterman after five years.

Major Elizabeth Barrett, ANC, who returned to Letterman in June after an absence of five years, this week completed eleven years of duty with the Army Nurse Corps. The anniversary of her entry into the corps was 6 July. Her first tour of duty at LGH was in 1942 following her return from Hawaii, and at that time she was here for only a few weeks.

Major Barrett is a native of Virginia, and still has the soft southern accent to prove it, in spite of extensive travels during her Army career. She received her training as a nurse at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Va., and later took a post-graduate course at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

After joining the Army in 1936 she was stationed at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. for 18 months. Her next duty station was Langley Field, Va., where she remained for two years.

Her first tour of overseas duty was at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii. She was there for two years, from

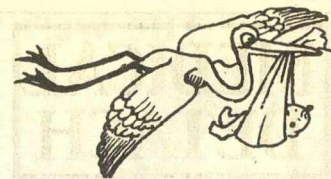
1940 to 1942, but is reticent about her experiences on that unforgettable date—7 December 1941. After her return to the States and her brief stay at Letterman she was assigned to duty at Fort Storey, Va., and served there for 18 months.

In September 1944 she went overseas with the 164th General Hospital, and served in France, first near Cherbourg and later at Marseilles. She was in France for a year.

When she came back to the United States she was at Bruns General Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico, until shortly before the hospital closed.

Major Barrett came to Letterman in June after completing a 6-month course in nursing education at the Teachers' College, Columbia University, N. Y. She enjoyed a month's leave at home in Virginia before reporting for duty. She has been assigned to the Operating Room here.

In her leisure time Major Barrett enjoys golf and bowling and she also likes to play bridge.



To Captain and Mrs. Kent Zimmerman, a boy, **Zachary Louis**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 29 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Hurbert Dent, a girl, **Donna Rae**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 29 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ardel Hogrefe, a girl, **Ardella Francine**, weight 7 pounds and 10½ ounces, born 2 July.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Earl Lohmeier, a boy, **Todd**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 2 July.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lee O. Lester, a boy, **Lee Bowman**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 2 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter F. Jarvis, a boy, **Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 3 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Carroll Stout, a girl, **Carolyn Louise**, weight 6 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 5 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Thomson, a boy, **Donald Glenn**, weight 4 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 5 July.

To Captain and Mrs. Daniel Jopling, a girl, **Suzanne**, born 6 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John S. Tucker, a girl, **Linda Louise**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 7 July.

Promotion

From First Lieutenant to Captain:
Harold L. McKeehan, MC.

Of Pressing Concern

New York (AFPS)—On his way back to the United States after two weeks in the Brazilian jungles to report on the solar eclipse for the National Broadcasting Company, Ben Grauer stopped off in Rio de Janeiro for a night and immediately tried to get his pants pressed.

After searching frantically for the Portuguese equivalent of "May I have my pants pressed?" he turned to an Army officer standing nearby and secured an Army pamphlet of phrases for flyers forced down in the Brazilian jungles.

Strange as it seems, Ben insists that the first phrase he saw—in this book for forced-down pilots—was, "May I have my pants pressed?"

MEDICAL DETACH

Among the lucky men who enjoyed furloughs last week were Pfc. Edwin Cebring, Pfc. Joseph Amato, T/5 Arthur Schifler, Pvt. Johnny Plummer, Pfc. Jimmy Barlow.

Pfc. William Reed of Dietetics celebrated the Fourth of July in Santa Cruz.

T/5 Robert Flynn of Officers Pay Section visited Los Angeles on a three-day pass, and Pvt. Harry Sayer of Special Services also went "down South" on a three-day pass.

T/4 Harold Childs of the Detachment of Patients says his recent trip to San Jose was "strictly recreational."

Pfc. Wilfred Richardson and Pfc. Theophilus Inslee of the Sergeant Major's office took advantage of three-day passes last week end to visit Reno.

T/5 Maynard Herren of ward K-2 looked up old friends in Marysville over the week end.

T/5 Dick Campbell, Dental Prosthetic, has cause for rejoicing now that his wife has arrived from Indiana for an indefinite stay.

Pvt. Fred Medina of ward 40 spent a three-day pass last week end visiting his parents in Long Beach.

Cpl. Nicholas Brement visited his uncle in Los Angeles last week end.

Santa Maria was the main stop for Pvt. Joe Howle of Dietetics Branch on his week end pass.

M/Sgt. James O'Connell of the AAF Liaison office is the envy of the detachment since he returned from his furlough in Wisconsin driving his new dark green Chrysler Imperial.

Cpl. Charles G. Harper, Jr., of the Hospital Train Unit, is receiving congratulations on his recent wedding, which took place in the Letterman chapel on 28 June. He married Mary Doris Hughes of Akron, Ohio, and the wedding attendants were Virgil Ralph Ward and Mrs. S. L. Ward of Akron. Mr. S. L. Ward gave the bride away.

Angry customer: "Here's the shirt I bought from you last week. You promised to return my money if it wasn't satisfactory."

Merchant: "Yes, that's what I said. But I am happy to tell you that I found your money very satisfactory."

Kitten on the Keys



Paulena Carter may not be a kitten on the keys, but she's soft on the eyes. Paulena, 17 years old, is featured pianist on "The Ford Showroom," Wednesday nights over CBS. Tickling the black-and-whites early, Paulena gave her first concert at six, made her debut with the San Francisco symphony orchestra at seven, was featured at both the San Francisco and New York World Fairs at nine, composed the Cinderella Suite at 13 and was graduated from the Marion Colbert Private High School at 13.

CBS

HOMESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

Newark (AFPS)—Judge Rodney Ross didn't believe it. He fined Clyde Scott and James Butler \$25 on charges of stealing 10 loaves of bread. They testified they just wanted to feed a pet rabbit.

Mangum, Okla. (AFPS)—After receiving the distress call of a woman whose car had stalled, a garage man in Mangum quickly went to her aid. He made an examination and informed her it was out of gas. "Will it hurt," she asked, "if I drive it home with the gas tank empty?"

Phoenix, Ariz. (AFPS)—Sidney Pearce, annoyed by his wife's seventh divorce suit against him, sought a court order enjoining her from further suits until he

should give her just cause.

Scranton, Pa. (AFPS)—Miss Florence Dolph celebrated her 100th birthday by jumping onto the banister stair rail in her home and gaily swooshed to the bottom. She has been doing that as an annual custom since her 21st birthday and this was the biggest thrill of her 100 years.

Chicago (AFPS)—Elmer Miller, annoyed at not finding a seat on a suburban train, vengefully uncoupled the coaches from the engine and got a free ride—to the jail.

Pittsfield, Mass. (AFPS)—The will of Mrs. Adelita P. White of Adams left a \$10 bequest to her husband, although he has been missing for 30 years.

WAC

Sgt. Violet Collings sowed grass seed over the holiday but it looks as though only the birds will benefit from her efforts.

Robbie Norris and Lieut. Couture were week end guests of T/3 Jessie Pekarski, and Jessie had fun showing them the high spots of San Francisco and the Presidio.

From the spit and fire of the four wild kittens to which Frances Jenkins is now playing the role of foster mother, the project calls for raw steaks to feed these newly acquired pets instead of the accepted milk and saucer deal.

Two new members of the detachment, Jeanne Zack, transfer from Fort Ord, and Helen Brown, from Hamilton Field, are respectively assigned to X-ray and Orthopedic Brace Shop.

Until the papers asserted the saucer phenomena was just figment of the imagination, Sally Craig was praying fervently that she could catch a glimpse of these specks to record for posterity with her Speed Graphic.

Spending the week end in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Bess Jefferies and Stella Watras came back to work Monday with a beet-red sun tan and pleasant memories of hours of just loafing.

Sylvia Weiner must keep busy . . . at least one usually sees her with a sock or a sweater in the process of being knitted.

Sgt. Rose Di Muzzio and her husband, Sgt. Di Muzzio, whom she married while on delay enroute, were both assigned to Letterman and live quite close to one another. Rose is in WAC barracks 213 while Sgt. Di Muzzio is in the men's detachment barracks, 213X.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary, Sgt. Josephine Porter and her husband, Sgt. Porter, entertained Sgts. Glenn and Sgts. Drescher in the NCO Club last Saturday. Also attending was Mrs. Wise, Josephine Porter's mother, who is at present the house guest of her daughter and son-in-law.

Back to duty and full of vim, vigor and vitality is Edith Altenberg after a full 30 day furlough spent in Amsterdam, New York.

Seen traveling with much freedom in her wheel chair is Rose Ruscak, covering the corridors and greeting her friends with her catching smile.



(AFPS)—Leave us go back to the world of make believe for a moment. Let's imagine. Just suppose that your life depended upon ability to name the leading industry in the United States. What would you answer. Steel? Automobile? Railroad? Shipping? Agriculture? Textiles?

The odds are stacked pretty heavily against you, if you happen to be an average American. Chances are well over 100 to 1 you would end up a dead duck. Probably not in your wildest flights of fancy would you come close—not even if you took a gambler's guess.

Well, that was your cue. The answer is Gambling. We give it a capital G, for it is estimated "conservatively" by statisticians that gambling bets in the United States total over \$30,000,000,000 a year. That's a lot of Gees. And, Oh's! And Ah's! And even a few Golly's! And Holy Smokes!

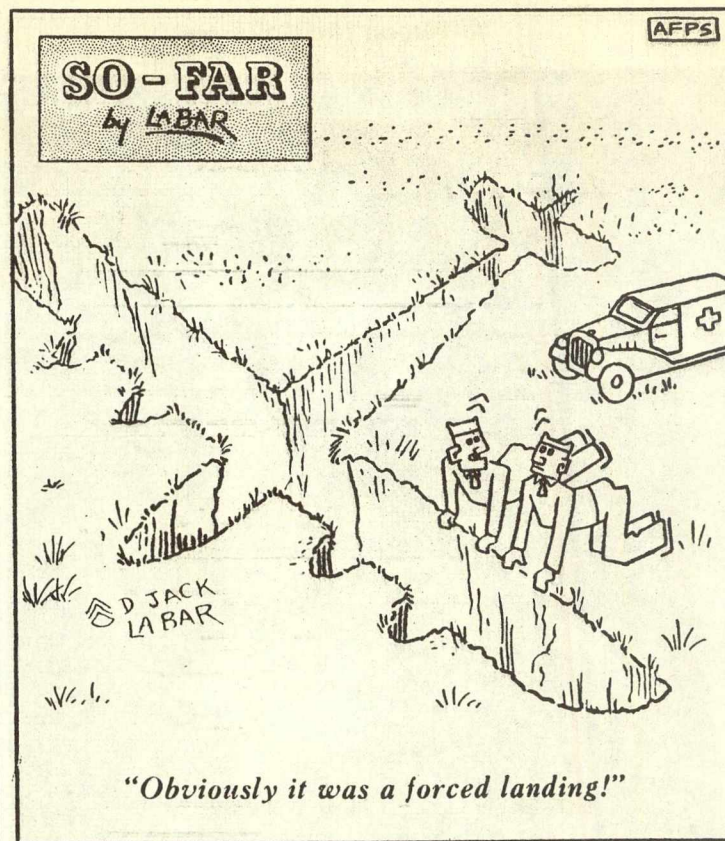
In the New York City area alone, informed sources claim, about five billion dollars a year is wagered on gambling bets—most of it on sports events, though the illegal gaming tables carry a lot of the circulating currency.

The number of professional gamblers in the metropolitan area is set at roughly 250,000. Applying the same ratio of principals to money involved produces the somewhat startling conclusion that a million and a half professional gamblers ply their trade in America.

The temptation to say "ply their trade in defiance of the organized forces of law and order" always rears up when consideration is given to the futility of efforts to check the trend. But the inference would be unfair and unjust.

Granted it is true, as many gamblers insist, that the "ice" or kickback to law enforcement officers for protection is becoming so high they no longer can operate profitably, the implication against the great majority of honest coppers would be wrongful even if right.

This seemingly confusing statement is explained by our viewpoint, that the problem of gambling is not, primarily, for the police to solve. It is, in the proper analysis, a problem



"Obviously it was a forced landing!"

of self discipline. Under the American system, the people still rule. Government begins in the American home. Gambling has its origin of success or failure there, as determined by self government expressed in approval or disapproval.

Punishing a child for playing with matches seldom is as effective as letting him learn the hard way, by burning his fingers. The trouble with this method is that a few hundreds or thousands or even millions of dollars worth of property may be destroyed before the child burns his or her fingers.

In a similar way, before enough little folk are burned sufficiently to learn that they cannot bet the pros, the multi-billion dollar American sports structure may be damaged severely enough so the foundation may have to be rebuilt.

Sad and many are the aspersions that could be cast at the ancient sport of boxing, sometimes euphemically referred to as the "the manly art of self defence." But none is quite as sad as the flagrant mismatching which has resulted in four deaths since Jan. 1 of this year—the latest being that of Jimmy Doyle at the hands of Ray (Sugar)

Robinson, one of the deadliest punchers in the business.

Friends of the late lamented Jimmy now can vary their comments between "He was a fine young fella" and "He never shoulda entered the ring." And both statements are equally true. Jimmy Doyle, once one of the cleverest boxers in the country, definitely belonged to the better element in boxing. His trouble was that he had too much "heart" and not enough head. His courage was gallant, but his judgment was bad in coming back to the ring after a skull fracture which nearly caused his death in the same ring at Cleveland in March of 1946.

With death working as the fourth man in the ring as often as it has during the past six months, state boxing commissions have their work cut out for them.

A mother may hope that her daughter will get a better husband than she did, but she is sure that her son never will get as good a wife as his father did.

The tragedy of the flea is that he knows for a certainty that all his children will go to the dogs.

LGH Patients Build Models For Future Homes

Patients at Letterman are not only dreaming of home these days. They're setting those dreams down as scaled plans, or constructing models of cottages which they hope to build when their months of hospital confinement are over.

Aiding the growing interest in housing at Letterman is the "Home Planning" project, sponsored by Red Cross Community Service to Camps and Hospitals to provide patients with expert advisors on architecture and interior decoration.

Several of the city's leading professional men in these home building fields are volunteering regularly to spend evenings giving free consultations.

More than 45 Letterman patients so far have been helped to prepare home layouts, plan colors and furniture arrangement, and learn the latest trends of architecture.

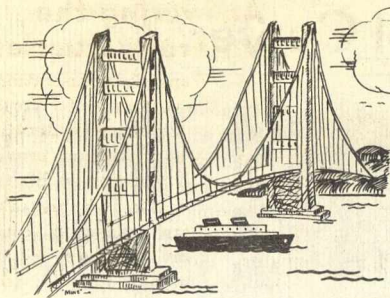
"We're only too glad to do what we can for the men at Letterman," said Archibald Taylor, local interior decorator, and one of the volunteer consultants.

"The best way we can advise is to have the patient sketch his own idea of how he wants to build his home. Then we can sit down with him and point out what changes should be made, or what additions would provide him more convenience."

Frequently, Taylor said, a patient suffering from a permanent physical handicap can be assisted greatly in planning a home to suit his individual need. A man who will be confined to a wheelchair, for example, should have a lighting arrangement which will eliminate all unnecessary floor and table lamps, Taylor pointed out.

One of the patients, Lt. Col. George E. Hollister, of Fresno, has constructed a model of his future home out of box wood, with the assistance of Architect Fred Langhorst.

Flight Officer John C. Clark of Bellflower, Calif., has been in a body cast for the past two years since his plane was shot down over Saipan. But with the aid of the consultants, the young serviceman is figuratively spending the long hospital days in his new home, planning the six-room house he hopes to build in San Fernando Valley.



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Cut in Services Of Red Cross Is Announced Here

Due to curtailment of funds and retrenchment of personnel the national headquarters of the American Red Cross has directed discontinuance of the placing of supplies on hospital trains, according to instructions received by the Red Cross Field Director here from the Pacific Area office of ARC and transmitted to the Commanding Officer this week. This action follows the withdrawal of Red Cross recreational train riders at the end of June.

The presence of recreational train riders with supplies of creature comforts for the patients on the long transcontinental train rides from the west to the east coast contributed greatly to the pleasure and contentment of the sick and wounded back from overseas and en route to the hospitals nearer their homes.

The hospital ships continue to bring the sick and injured from overseas hospitals to our debrackation center at Crissy annex and the hospital trains are still in service for the distribution of patients to the army general hospitals located throughout the country. There are 13 general hospitals in operation by the Medical Department of the army.

Likewise due to curtailment of funds the social service program at Letterman has been materially reduced with the elimination of night emergency service and the closing of the Red Cross office on Sundays although a social worker will telephone in to the Receiving Office every three hours from 0900 to 100 for possible emergency coverage.

Steps which had been originally



HOSPITAL TRAINS

**Will in future make the long transcontinental journeys
without Red Cross workers and supplies.**

ordered to effect a reduction in the recreational staff were held in abeyance by later instructions received at the end of the week.

Up to the present time there will be no reduction in the number of volunteer Gray Ladies who cover the wards each day and in the evening hours although there has been an intimation that the supplies available for distribution from the baskets of these favorite people of our patients will be somewhat curtailed in the near future.

During the last annual Red Cross roll call drive for funds the appeal was based in part on the necessity

of ministering to the "250,000 men still undergoing treatment in military hospitals" and it was reported the drive was oversubscribed by some twenty five per cent.

Dwight Fiske Here

The inimitable Dwight Fiske played the unforgettable "Mrs. Pettibone" at a concert for the patients in the patio on Tuesday afternoon. He was assisted on his program by several attractive young singers from the floor show at the House of Harris.

Congress Busy on Military Affairs As End Nears

With the present session of Congress rapidly coming to a close many matters of legislative interest to the armed forces remain to be considered before adjournment.

The proposed unification of the Army and Navy heads the list for attention this week with Senator Chan Gurney urging the prompt passage of the measure as a necessity, with Senator Lodge in strong support of the bill. Against the move is Senator Robinson who maintains that unification would set up a "military empire." He has been leading the opposition in the Senate ever since the measure was introduced.

In calling for quick passage of the bill Senator Lodge gave four reasons for his stand. He said the measure will provide an utterly vital chain of command clearly established. It will result in a definite, well thought procedure for allocation of our available supply of military manpower, with economy resulting from elimination of duplicate facilities, and an intelligent policy with respect to our diminishing supply of raw materials.

The war time personal income tax exemptions for service men have been extended another six months—until 1 January 1948. Under the law the pay of enlisted men is tax free and officers have an exemption of \$1,500.00.

Hearings on the bills to integrate enlisted men and women into the regular services are now under way before the Senate Armed Forces sub-committee.

The bill for increased pay for the officers of the Medical and Dental Corps is receiving encouraging consideration at the present time and may be enacted into law before the end of the present session.

Army Engineers to Build Greatest Medical Center

What is planned to be the greatest medical research center in the world will be built at Forest Glen, Maryland, by the Corps of Engineers for the Office of The Surgeon General, according to a recent announcement made by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General. In keeping with technological advances in all fields, based on experiences in the late war, the center will be equipped to anticipate and meet the medical problems of the future as well as to cope with those of the present. The initial cost is estimated at approximately \$40,000,000. Construction will be supervised by the District Engineer, Washington, D. C. Engineer District.

Officially designated as the "Army Medical Research and Graduate Teaching Center," the project will consist of a 1,000-bed general hospital, capable of expansion to 1,500 beds; the Army Institute of Pathology building; the Army Medical Museum and Center Administration building; Central Laboratory Group buildings; and the Army Institute of Medicine and Surgery. A working library, animal farm, quarters for the staff and other buildings are included in the plans.

Located just outside of Washington, the new Army Medical Center will have the advantage of close relationship to the Walter Reed General Hospital, the Naval Medical Center, the medical schools of the District and the proposed new Washington Medical Center, with all of whom ideas can be interchanged. In addition, members of the District of Columbia Medical Society, among them some of the finest specialists in the world, and medical experts from other Government departments, will be available for consultation. The Center will also cooperate with the National Bureau of Standards, the National Institute of Health and the National Research Council.

Plans for the 1,000-bed hospital building, as announced by the Army Engineers, provide that 200 beds shall be specifically designated as research beds and that these be so located as to be physically accessible to research activities of the various institutes and central laboratories. However, they will remain an integral part of the hospital for service and patient care. In the proposed future expansion, a proportionate number of beds will be reserved for research and these will



Colonel A. L. TYNES, M. C.

Chief of New Hospital Construction Division, Office of the Surgeon General, who will supervise construction of new army medical center at Forest Glen, Md. Story on page 2.

be located in the same area as the original 200, with the same accessibility to other buildings. Any expansion would be horizontal rather than vertical, making this arrangements possible.

Arrangement and equipment of the hospital will embody the most modern criteria developed as a result of war experiences. As a part of the Army's chief medical center, the hospital will have access to all ideas for new equipment which will be adopted as fast as it is tested and developed. In addition to regular hospital facilities, the plans call for a gymnasium, bowling alleys, swimming pool, auditorium and conference room, post exchange, barber shop, snack and beverage bar, post office, library, bank, game rooms and tailor shop. These would be included in, or directly connected with, the hospital building and would be accessible to patients and

post personnel.

The estimated total floor space for the initial building is 650,000 square feet, and this includes the additional features listed above. When the hospital is expanded to 1,500 beds, it is estimated that it will require 825,000 square feet of floor space.

The Institute of Pathology building will house the Department of Pathology, the American Registry of Pathology, and the Army Medical Illustration Service. Extensive facilities for experimental research and training in pathology and necessary facilities for the prosecution of the work of the departments will be provided. Possible future expansion will be kept in mind in planning this building.

The building will be connected with the Army Medical Museum in order to facilitate traffic between the two buildings, due to the fact

that a large portion of museum exhibits will be furnished and maintained by the Institute of Pathology. All floors of this building will also be connected with the Central Laboratory Group because initial laboratory facilities to be provided will be used by the Institute of Pathology, although in the ultimate development of the center, all research activities of the various groups will be correlated and the expanded Central Laboratory Group will service research and teaching activities of all the institutes. The research beds of the hospital building also are to be accessible to the Department of Pathology in this building, the estimated floor space of which is 120,000 square feet.

The Central Administration Building will provide facilities for the administration of the entire center and will house the Army Medical Museum, the main auditorium of the center, and certain graduate teaching facilities which will be used by all institutes. It will also be the focal point of all activities which will bring the lay public to the center on business in which it may have a scientific interest. Since public admission to some of the buildings and the Central Laboratory Group is not desirable, the use of this building as the public center would make control of lay personnel comparatively easy. This would not include admission of the public to the Hospital Building which would be an independent problem.

Also, certain areas of the museum would be limited to staff and students for research and teaching, although the larger part of the exhibit space of the museum would be open to the public. The research library would be limited to staff and students in research and teaching.

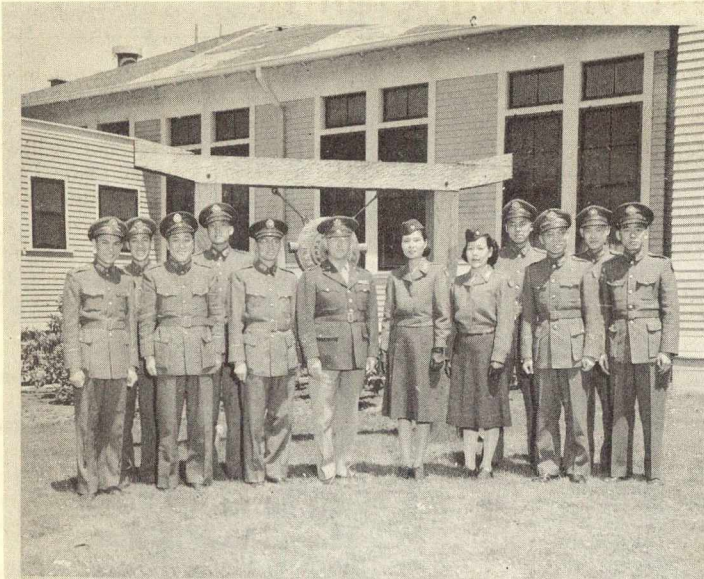
The main auditorium will be used for large staff meetings, meetings of personnel for lectures and large public assemblies. It will be equipped with the latest in motion picture projectors in order to illustrate the lectures given.

The estimated total floor area is 110,000 square feet.

The Central Laboratory Group will consist primarily of basic science laboratories serving the entire center. These will be constructed as the need for them grows, the first being devoted to the service of the Institute of Pathology. As other institute buildings are constructed, the

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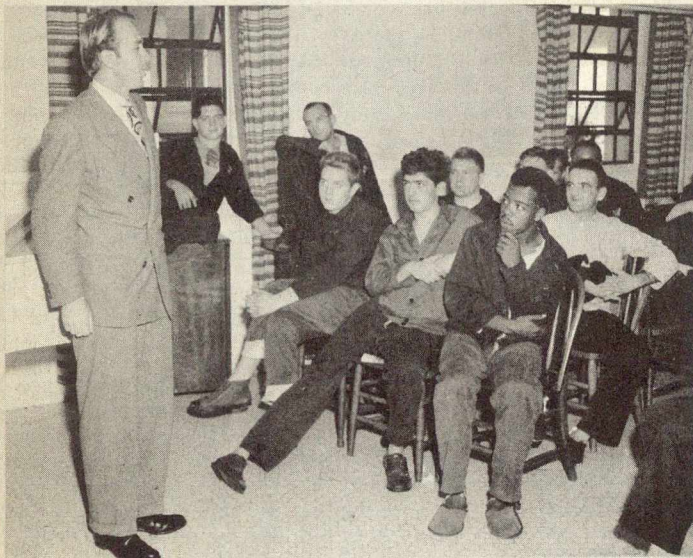
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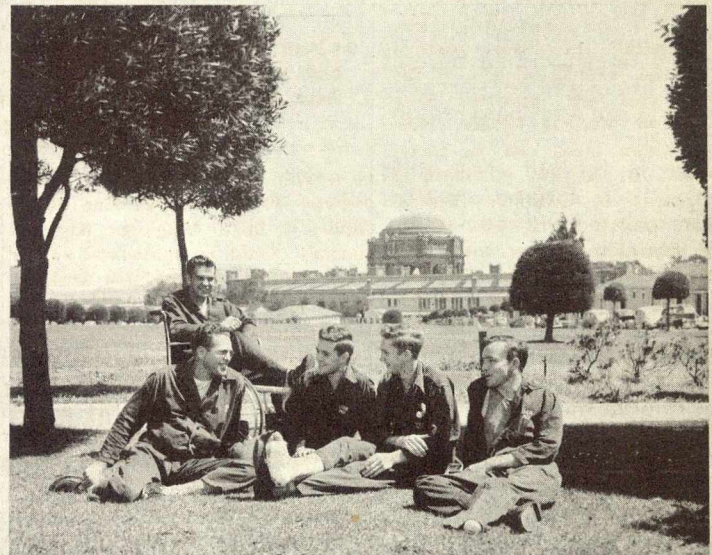
THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Poses with a group of Chinese Medical Officers before they sailed away for the homeland.



THE THREE MUSKETEERS
A trio from the show of the same name entertains the patients.



A MALE MEMBER OF THE CAST
Of the Three Musketeers does his stint for the men on S-1.



ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE
Shelley D. Waggoner, Lewis Sabas, Ernest Gilbert, Kenneth Ryals, and John Mayo hold an outdoor forum.

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EDITORIAL

CAREER

The emphasis placed in recruiting literature on the advisability of making the army a career was well illustrated one day this week by a man who made a practical application to himself of the value of that advice by enlisting for a military life.

We had known him as a high ranking staff officer all during the war and he left the service in grade of colonel. He held a degree from one of our more popular universities on the west coast and he worked on one of the larger daily newspapers prior to Pearl Harbor. He had re-established himself in civil life in a highly competitive field and was doing reasonably well.

One day he read a recruiting appeal that pictured an army career painted with conviction. He thought it over and went into a huddle with his wife. For days they discussed it pro and con—and at length. He measured his monthly income against monthly disbursements and figured the net remaining. He compared that against his pay as a soldier and remembered that everything a soldier receives is not limited to his pay check.

He considered the question of quarters, medical attention for himself, his wife, and two children. Buying privileges at the commissaries; the present tax exemption of his pay. Life insurance at low rates, and the retirement advantages. He had

The Observer Saw

Lieut. Colonel Herbert D. Edger and Major Christian A. Gronbeck plaintively pleading they were once Letterman internes too.

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Hilda Mansfield, the favorite waitress at the PX Grill, juggling five coffee cups in one hand and with spoons to match.

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Sergeant Dorcas Rosenfeld taking a handful of wet clay and turning it into more than a reasonable fac-simile of the our mascot "Jerry."

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Chaplain Hugh C. Busby fondling some official orders that send him to Stoneman on 1 September en route to Yokohama.

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Captain William R. Moody, old time Lettermanite, here to make a few calls while waiting for his hospital ship to put to sea again.

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Mrs. C. C. Hillman heading back to Miami after a visit with the first grandchild and other old friends in the Bay area.

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Colonel James P. Cooney entertaining the staff with some moving pictures of Nagasaki and Hiroshima after the bombs fell and other views of the big bomb burst at Bikini.

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Mr. Sgt. Thomas H. Werry still grinding 'em out of the army via his Separation Center here while Lieut. Margaret A. Kimpton does her best to bring them in.

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Rabbi Elkan Voorsanger, of the Jewish Welfare Board National Visiting Committee, and Mr. Shea Schwartz, JWB supervisor for the West Coast, looking over Letterman and offering to help.

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Pay roll deductions the best way to buy bonds.

served six years as an officer during the war and in another 14 years he could retire with a pension that would equal payments.. from.. annuity costing close to \$20,000.

He enlisted in the new army; has been assigned to duties for which he is eminently fitted and in keeping with his previous training. He is happy at the prospect of an army career and his family shares his joy.

He says a "Sergeant USA" is a lot better off than a "Colonel AUS."



First Lieutenant Ruth Valleskey Fender, one time assistant to the Principal Chief nurse here, and more recently a patient on Ward O-1, passed away on Saturday last at her home in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Lt. Evangeline Gunderson was called home to Madison, Wisconsin, due to the serious illness of her father.

Lt. Violet Klein will spend 21 days leave at her home in Baker, Montana.

Leaving Tuesday for definitely cooler weather is Lt. Ann Vischansky who will spend her 21 days leave at Ketchikan, Alaska.

Enjoying 21 days leave at home in Uhrichsville, Ohio, is Captain Anna Hackett.

Lt. Ada Hagan is leaving LGH for assignment with hospital trains as of 15 July. The rolling stock appeals to her more than standing on terra firma.

Captain Isabelle Mason has realized her hopes and ambition of attending the University of Minnesota as she leaves LGH in the very near future. Don't burn too much midnight oil!!

New ANC faces popping up—could it be the Integration Program having a busy week?

Welcome to Lt. Rose Marksman who was recently assigned here for duty. Lt. Marksman was formerly on duty with the Hospital Train Unit.

The Major who likes "choongum" is all out of same and would appreciate further donations.

Lieut. Charlotte Higgins likes her detail in charge of the Special Diets Mess but it is so lonesome over the week ends. Wonder where they eat?

Mary Kay Berteling and her staff in O. T. are enthusiastic over the new Functional Shop. Drop in and see it.

Judge: "Your profession?"

Witness: "Agricultural expert."

"What was your father?"

"A farmer."

"And your grandfather?"

"A peasant."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 20 July, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

General Bliss Is Back From Brief London Visit

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, returned to Washington on Monday after a two week sojourn in London as a member of the committee to make a survey of the food needs of Europe. The committee was headed by Mr. Averill W. Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, and Mr. Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture.

New Reserves

Nurses, physical therapists and dietitians will now be able to apply for commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps under the terms of the recently enacted legislation, the War Department announced recently.

Applications for Reserve Commissions in the Army Nurse Corps and for physical therapist and dietitians, members of the newly created Women's Medical Specialist Corps, are available at all Army posts and Recruiting Stations throughout the United States.

Nurses and medical specialists who served honorably during World War II will be given preference for appointments to fill the authorized Reserve vacancies. Applications from nurses, physical therapists and dietitians up to the age limit of 45 will now be accepted.

Members of these Women's Reserve groups are eligible for all the privileges and emoluments and subject to the same responsibilities as members of other Reserve Corps of the Army. Members of Reserve Corps may volunteer for active duty at any time.

Applications will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., Attention: AGSO-R.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HELEN V. HICKS
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Helen Hicks, pint-sized and pretty, rejoices in an unusual number of names. To begin with, her full name is Helen Vivian LaVerne Hicks Brost, and her nicknames are many, to wit: Tiny, Shorty, Butch, Small Fry, and Wart. Although she became Mrs. Earl Hicks on May 3, she is still known in the Army as T/5 Helen Hicks, which is why her name appears that way under her picture.

She was born in Chicago and grew up there, but vastly prefers life in California. Before she joined the WAC in March 1945 she worked for the Victor Adding Machine Company in Chicago. She had taken junior nursing courses at Richards Vocational School, and wanted to join the medics, and in the WAC she got her wish.

After basic and surgical technicians' training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., she was assigned to duty at DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn, where she worked on the paraplegic ward. After his discharge from the WAC she tried civilian life again for a time, but decided to reenlist and got into uniform once more in February of this year and was sent to Letterman, where she is now on the women's section of ward S-1.

Her husband, Corporal Brost, is with the 11TC Car Company at Fort Scott, and they have an apartment on the Presidio post. Helen is glad that she doesn't have to deal with one of the major problems of housekeeping—cooking. Both she and Earl eat in the mess.

She likes horseback riding, baseball and basketball, and plays baseball on the Sixth Army team, and basketball on the Letterman team.



By SGT. DAVE MARKSON
Armed Forces Press Service

Cain and Abel probably didn't realize what they were starting when they smote one another in the first bout at the Garden way back when. Today, the house that Tex Rickard built is a private Eden for a Jacobs who never wrestled with an angel. We doubt that Uncle Mike puts any stock in reincarnation, if he even comprehends the meaning of the word. Yet the big flower in that garden today, one Joseph Louis, is a reproduction of a chap named Samson perfect enough to warm the heart of even the most meticulous motion picture producer.

In fact, the only difference between ancient Samson and the son of Ham called "Joe" is that no one has yet been able to clip the hair of the latter. And the possibilities of this happening for years to come are dubious.

Historians have failed to provide adequate materials for discourse regarding the epic story of pugilism in the period between Killer Cain and the advent of the muscle called John L. Sullivan. The match in which a virtual unknown named Brutus slashed champion Caesar to ribbons, or the one in which stocky welterweight Bonaparte was thumped by the dukes of Wellington are not included in Nat Fleischer's ring recordings. Any comparisons in our dissertation must therefore be incomplete. However, whatever diggers may spade up in the ruins of Egypt or Peru to the contrary, we shall place a bob or two on Mr. Louis, a chap who reads little history but has written much.

Comparisons are as inevitable as they are odious, yet sport enthusiasts thrive on them. To the majority, the accomplishments of the athlete mean little until thrown upon the scales with the achievements of others in counter-balance. The feats of Joseph Louis Barrow are, to most, quite enough to tilt the springs in his direction.

80,000 NG Troops Set For Summer Training

Washington (AFPS)—Approximately 80,000 National Guard troops will undergo summer training exercises throughout the country, it has been announced by Gen. Jacob L. Devers, AGF commander. This is the first year such training has been held since 1940.

Of the total number of troops, it is believed that 20,000 will attend special schools instead of the usual 15-day field training period.

It is now over ten years since first Joe met Braddock on the village green. In that decade the champ has turned away 23 suitors. A few of his beaux have managed to extend their affairs for some 15 rounds, but Joe has penned "Dear Johns" to most before they were able to make a second pass. And today, although as attractive as ever, he hears no phones ringing and no whistles as he passes.

None, even so handsome and cultured a gent as Gene Tunney or as romantic a brute as Jack Dempsey ever maintained an old maid role so demurely.

Throughout Louis' career, in a profession wherein one finds more seductive snakes and tempting apples than ever grew in Eden, he has walked an unswerving path. Only his out-and-out ring ability has excelled his sportsmanship and sincerity. On the tenth anniversary of Joe's winning of the crown, Dan Parker whipped up a superlative tribute to the champ in his daily column. And when one considers that Parker sees no difference between fistiana today and the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, the position of Louis must certainly become unique.

Actually, though, the tributes of the glib who earn their chips by pounding out sports copy mean little. Most are too free with their accolades. It is the position maintained by the athlete with the fans that determines his ultimate spot in the inner sanctum of sport immortality. And the public admiration and respect for Louis the fighter and for Louis the man makes him possibly the most popular of all living athletes.

What did we write about Jacobs wrestling with an angel? When the members of today's fistic set finally learn that you can't take it with you, chances are that but few of them will be seeing any angels, let alone trying any half-Nelsons or flying mares. Joe Louis, however, is a cinch to be one of the few.

Vets Get Cars

Washington (AFPS)—Some 23,000 disabled veterans of World War II applied for automobiles, jeeps, trucks and other motor vehicles provided by Congress up to May 31, the Veterans Administration has reported.

Of the applications, 16,052 were approved, with almost 13,000 already certified for delivery. The act expired June 30.

(AFPS)—The first telephone was installed in the White House in 1880 during President Hayes' administration.

ON THE SPOT



FRANK RODRIQUES
Sergeant

Frank Rodriques, who is a patient on ward 31, was the guest of honor on Jack Gregson's radio show "Hubbub Club" one afternoon last week at Coffee Dan's, and came away with a collection of gifts that included a handsome leather traveling bag, two tickets to "The Three Musketeers," now playing at the Curran, and—a purchase order for 14 quarts of ice cream! Now if he feels like it he can eat ice cream all during the show at the Curran.

Frank was born in Lincoln, New Mexico, but his parents now live in Madera, so that's home to him now. He has a brother in the detachment at LGH, Pete Rodriques, who is wardmaster on ward 28. Before he entered the Army in August 1941, Frank worked at farming, but when he leaves the hospital, which he hopes will be in another three or four months, he intends to work in his father's grocery in Madera.

After basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., Frank went to Fort Lewis as a member of the 41st Infantry Division, and was on the train with orders for the Philippines when news of the Pearl Harbor attack came. He was in San Francisco during the first blackout here. His orders were changed, and on Christmas Day he arrived on Oahu.

He served with the 25th Division on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, New Caledonia and Luzon, and was wounded twice. After hospitalization at Leyte, he was flown back to Hamilton Field, and went to DeWitt General Hospital. He has been at Letterman since early in 1946.

Frank's major interest is music, and he plays the violin and guitar, and has taken saxophone lessons since he's been at LGH.

WAC

On July 20, 1942, the First WAAC Training Center opened at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Two months after the passage of legislation creating the Women's Army Corps the first group of trainees arrived—330 enlisted Wacs and 440 Officer Candidates, representative of every state of the Union.

Personnel for operating Fort Des Moines was obtained from the Army. Forty-one officers, two warrant officers and 191 enlisted men were assigned as members of the staff and faculty in addition to the station complement of some thirty officers and 300 enlisted men. Colonel Don C. Faith, Infantry, was first commandant of the Post. Colonel Frank U. McCoskrie was appointed Commandant in March 1943 and held the assignment until the de-activation of the Post.

The classes were designed to orient and indoctrinate women in military procedure, customs and courtesies, regulations, discipline and routine. In addition, auxiliaries and officer candidates learned military sanitation, map reading, defense against air and chemical attacks. Officer candidates took additional courses in property accountability, leadership, mess management, and company administration. Class-order drill and physical training were on the program for all.

WAC recruiting was discontinued on V-J Day and on April 15, 1946, the last WAC left Des Moines. To the vast majority of the Corps, Fort Des Moines will always be the "Alma Mater" of the Women's Army Corps.

From the 100,000 peak strength of V-E day the WAC has pared its strength down to 9,200. Of this figure approximately 3,000 are serving in overseas theatres.

Colonel Mary A. Hallaren, Lowell, Massachusetts, was appointed Director of the WAC on May 7, succeeding Westray Battle Boyce. Mrs. Oveta Clup Hobby was the first Director.

The legislation establishing the WAC allows the organization to exist for the "duration and six". The future of the Corps depends in great measure on legislation now pending in Congress. This Bill provides for the integration of the WAC in the Regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps.

THE MAN WITH THE CAMERA EYE HAS SEEN A LOT OF THE WORLD



Master Sergeant HAROLD E. DIXON
In charge of the Letterman Photograph Laboratory.

The owner of the affable voice that answers the phone when you call the photo lab at Letterman is Master Sergeant Harold E. Dixon, who is now in charge of the multifarious activities in the Letterman Photographic Laboratory. "Dick" is known as a master with the Speed Graphic and has turned out a flock of pictures, both clinical photographs and shots for the Fog Horn, since he arrived at Letterman last October.

Dick is a native of Des Moines, Iowa, and his interest in photography began while he was still in high school. He had a part time job in a photographic studio, and later made it full time, spending three years in the work. He was planning to enter the University of Iowa when he and three of his friends decided to enter the Army. That was in 1939, and Dick went to Fort Des Moines for training. "That," he points out, "was B. W.—before WACs were at Des Moines, that is."

He was with the Engineer Corps, and was sent to Portland, Ore., to do photography on map reproduction. He worked with the biggest copy camera in existence at that

time—the camera occupied two rooms, no less—and the negatives were 20 x 20. Later he went to Fort Lewis when work was being started on a new mobile unit. The copy camera, printing press and lithographic equipment were housed in two trailers.

Next Dick attended a four-month course in combat engineering at Fort Belvoir, Va., and then went to Fort Leonard Wood, where as platoon sergeant he saw 14 cycles of men through the 17-week basic training course. While there he took his test for staff sergeant, and passed second in a group of 112 men.

In 1942 he left for overseas duty with the 12th Armored Division, 119th Combat Engineers, and served in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany during the war and in Australia and Italy after the war. Having amassed 110 points he had the privilege of flying home, and en route took in more countries, including Africa, Brazil, British Guiana and Puerto Rico.

When he got back to the states he wanted to get back to photogra-

MEDICAL DETACH

Our LGH Softball team recently increased its winnings in games. It now has 22 games to its credit, in comparison with three lost.

Sgt. Hugh A. Wallace of the detachment and Miss Madeline Matthews have announced their engagement, but the date for the wedding has not yet been set.

Pfc. Leroy Hodges will spend his 15-day furlough in Mapleton, Iowa, and Pfc. Jack D. Kaler will have 18 days at home in Blanchart, Okla.

Price, Utah, is the mainstop for Pfc. Norris Johnson during his 15-day furlough.

Sgt. Earl Eby formerly of Message Center became Mr. Earl Eby last week and he bid his friends at Letterman goodbye before starting his journey to San Diego for a visit with relatives.

9/3 Hayden Madures, Ward S-2, spent his three day pass with his family in San Francisco.

Pvt. Luther Sherman, Grounds & Maintenance, spent three days in Bakersfield, California, recently and T/4 Ross Yoshisato, Medical Supply, also went to Bakersfield on a three day pass.

Sgt. William N. Christenson, MP, took a three day pass recently to visit his parents in Fresno, Calif.

Pfc. Charles R. Collins, MP, took advantage of his three day pass to visit his parents in Santa Monica, Calif.

phy again, and was sent to Mayo General Hospital where he was in charge of the medical photographic laboratory. During his time there he had what he considers his most interesting Army assignment—covering the Army Day parade in Chicago. Dick covered President Truman's activities, and he has a letter of commendation from Gen. Malin Craig for his work on that assignment.

He and his wife, the former T/5 Reatha Knudsen, met at Mayo, and were married in the chapel there. Last October after Mayo closed, the Dixons came to San Francisco when Dick was assigned to LGH. Since their arrival they have acquired a new car, a Frazer, which makes it easier for Dick to indulge in his favorite pastime—"taking life easy." He also enjoys softball and bowling.

CIVIL CIRCLES

After flying to and from Canada during her recent vacation Mary Bensen, Civilian Personnel, is firmly convinced that the only way to travel is in a small plane. While "up in the air" (and we mean that literally) she took camera shots of the scenery below.

Evelyn Ford, Enlisted Pay Section, is back from her vacation in Texas and she says she had a wonderful time but was very glad to feel the San Francisco fog again.

Mary McFadden, Public Information office, took a vacation last week, leaving the Foghorn to shift for itself.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, can't get over her lucky streak at Tahoe last week end. Besides winning 11 dollars in nickels in one slot machine, she hit the jack-pot in another and won 50 dollars.

When Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, flew to Sacramento to spend her vacation, she didn't expect to find work at the end of her trip, but work it was and work she did, by cleaning house, cooking meals, and playing nursemaid. Helen claims she didn't mind, it was something different for a change. They say variety is the spice of life!

Helen Diez, Record Room, went hiking last Sunday for the first and she says, maybe the last time, in Healdsburg. The distance was 2½ miles to the camp and it took the group one hour and 15 minutes to get there.

Eulalia Beebee, Dental Clinic, is going to Boston to attend a dental convention. En route to Boston she will stop in Chicago for a few days, then on to the convention. After the convention is over, she will go to Montreal, Banff, Vancouver, Victoria and finally take a boat to Seattle for the last part of her journey home to San Francisco.

June Grumstrup, Military Personnel, claims of aches and pains in her legs. Reason: She hiked to the top of Mt. Tamalpais last Sunday.

Carol Lassiter of the Laundry is spending her vacation in Reno, Nevada.

Husband: "I finally got two tickets for the theatre."

Wife: "Then I'll start dressing at once."

Husband: "Good idea. The tickets are for tomorrow night."

GLORIA MIXES MUSIC AND CLAM-DIGGING AND FINDS BOTH ARE FUN



Mrs. GLORIA CRISAFULLI
Brightens the Officers' Section of Military Personnel Division.

Photogenic is definitely the word for Mrs. Gloria Crisafulli, who has the cheerful task of handling the detail work on promotions in Officers Section of Military Personnel. Crisp shining waves of dark hair frame a face that has that "you ought to be in pictures" look. And her co-workers in the office testify that she is so well liked that "they don't know what they'd do without her."

When she first came to the post in July 1945, Mrs. Crisafulli was with the Hospital Train Unit, in the Personnel office, but she transferred to her present job last November. She was born in Santa Rosa, where she lived until she was nine. Then her family moved to San Francisco, and she grew up here and attended Galileo High School. After completing business college she worked as chief clerk of a Selective Service draft board in San Francisco.

She was married during the war to Paul Crisafulli, who was in the Air Force and stationed at Hamilton Field. When he was alerted for ov-

erseas duty, they decided to be married, and six days after the wedding he left for the ETO. A year later he was wounded and returned to the States. Gloria accompanied him to Selman Field, Louisiana, where he was instructor in navigation, and lived in the South for a year, but was glad to get back home to California. "Then I came to Letterman and he went to school," she says. He is taking pre-law courses at the University of San Francisco, and is now a senior.

Both Gloria and her husband have a mutual love of music as their paramount interest, and both play the piano, though Gloria insists that she isn't very good at it, but Paul is. They enjoy concerts and plays, tennis and swimming.

Gloria also likes to go clam-digging, and says she takes a lot of ribbing about it. "But it's fun, like digging for buried treasure," she says. On a recent clam-digging expedition at Bolinas Bay, Gloria got 50 clams, which is a lot of clam chowder.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Darrel N. Samuels, a boy **Larry Kirk** weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 8 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Beardsley, a boy, **Thomas Charles**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 8 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Frey, a boy, **Ralph Arthur, Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 9 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Sang Wong, a girl, **Helen Mar**, born 10 July.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Danks, twin girls, **Donna May**, weight 5 pounds and 5½ ounces, and **Dorothy Kay**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 10 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Kermit Lay, a boy, **Kermit Russell, Jr.**, born 11 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John Persinger, boy, **John Davy**, born 12 July.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Franklin Howard, a boy, **Franklin Virgil, Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 12 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Oakley Baron, a girl, **Barbara Lynn**, weight 8 pounds and 13½ ounces, born 13 July.

Claims

Sixty-eight national and state organizations are authorized to represent veterans in the presentation and prosecution of claims against Veterans Administration, according to the latest VA list.

They have been recognized by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs under section 200, Public Law 844, 74th Congress, for the presentation of veterans' claims in connection with the statutes administered by VA.

VA now is authorized, in general, to recognize only State or governmental services, or organizations granted a charter or recognition by an act of Congress.

Excited female voice over the phone:

"Two soldiers are trying to break into my room through the window."

"This isn't the police headquarters, this is the fire department."

"I know, but my room is on the second floor, and they need a ladder."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

An educational opportunity not previously available has been made possible through the cooperation of the San Francisco Board of Education. Those people who have not had the opportunity to complete elementary school now have the chance to secure a statement of eighth grade completion.

A volunteer teacher certified by the Board of Education will administer certain tests that will determine an individual's grade level. If the tests indicate higher than eighth grade achievement, a statement of eighth grade completion will be awarded. This statement will be issued and signed by the Assistant Superintendent of schools in San Francisco.

If the individual does not successfully complete the test, the same teacher will assist in the study of the subjects in which help is needed. After further study, tests that will indicate the grade level may again be taken. If successful on this second try the statement of completion will be issued.

This is an opportunity that should not be overlooked by those who do not have an elementary school diploma. The importance of education in this technical world is a well-known fact.

Interested patients and duty personnel, stop at the Educational Reconditioning Office (Bldg. No 1039—phone ext. 4403). The plan will be explained in detail and arrangements made for the tests. If you are unable to come to the office have someone phone for you, and an educational counsellor will visit you on the ward.

All information is confidential so don't be embarrassed about admitting the fact that you have had little formal schooling. Here's your chance to do something about it—it's never too late to learn.

Gardenias

Gardenias for everyone became a reality over the past week end with a generous donation of 20 cartons sent to the hospital by E. W. McLellan Company, of San Francisco, the largest growers of gardenias in the world.

Prior to the war this company sent gardenias regularly to the patients and they hope to renew the practice now that the world is settling down again.

Pebble on the Beach



MORE ON ARMY ENGINEERS

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scope of existing laboratories will be broadened and additional facilities added as required.

The estimated total floor area of this group of buildings is approximately 113,000 square feet.

The Institute of Medicine and Surgery building will house the following departments: Research Medicine, Research Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Research Surgery, X-Ray and Radiation and Preventive Medicine.

Ample laboratory, administrative, and storage facilities will be provided for these various departments for their work in experimental research and teaching. The building will be connected with the Central Laboratory Group because certain phases of research projects carried on by this institute will be pursued in the Laboratory Group which serves all institutes. The research beds of the hospital will also be readily accessible to the various departments of this institute.

The estimated total floor area in this building is 140,000 square feet.

The Center will serve to bring

together many important units now scattered in various parts of the United States. The Medical Nutrition Laboratory now located in the Quartermaster Depot at Chicago, will be brought here. This institute, it is explained, now deals almost entirely with normal diets. It is proposed, however, to study the needs of wounded men, some of whom lose twenty or thirty body pounds in a short period of hospitalization, and see if something can be done to remedy this loss.

The Medical Field Research Laboratory is now located at Fort Knox, Kentucky. This is a physiological laboratory which handles what might be termed "human engineering." Its function is to find out what man can stand in the way of cold, heat, fatigue and sudden change, and what effect it has upon him. Ways of remedying any ill effects are also studied.

The Surgical Research Unit, now located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is devoted largely to traumatic surgery, studying the type of injury received in time of war and proper methods of treating it. It is pointed

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration is urging all veterans of World War II to give serious consideration to the peacetime protection provided them and their families by liberalized National Service Life Insurance.

Veterans who have allowed their G.I. term insurance to lapse have until January 1, 1948, to reinstate their lapsed G.I. term insurance with a simple "comparative health statement."

The statement to the effect that the veteran's health is as good as when he allowed the policy to lapse, plus two monthly premiums, is all that is needed to reinstate the insurance.

National Service Life Insurance, liberalized by Congress to meet the peacetime needs of the veteran, now includes:

1. Unrestricted choice of one or more beneficiaries.
2. Lump sum settlement or choice of three monthly installment options.
3. Three endowment plans payable to the veteran at maturity, making six permanent plans in all.
4. Total disability income benefits for an additional premium.
5. Right to purchase insurance after discharge under certain conditions.

These new and liberal features make National Service Life insurance comparable, and in many ways superior, to any type policy written in the world today.

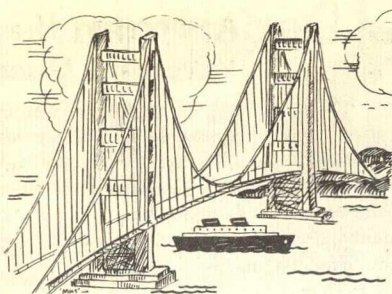
In addition there are no restrictions as to travel, residence or occupation. Premiums for NSLI are lower than any other type insurance because the government pays the cost of administration.

The privilege of owning National Service Life Insurance is restricted to veterans of World War II—it is a benefit granted them by a grateful government.

"So you're setting your college graduate son up in the bakery business?"

"Yes, he's so keen for dough and such a swell loafer it looks as if he would rise."

out that the man wounded in battle has to wait at times for as much as 12 hours or more before being hospitalized, whereas the civilian is generally in a hospital within an hour. These differing conditions call for different methods of treatment and must be carefully studied if such treatment is to be successful.



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Army Medical Department Observes 172nd Anniversary

The 172 anniversary of the establishment of the Army Medical Department will be celebrated tomorrow, 27 July, at Letterman and at U. S. medical department installations throughout the world.

Now a world-girdling organization credited with unparalleled achievements, the Army Medical Department began its existence through the action of the Continental Congress in 1775 during the days of the Thirteen Colonies. Its establishment was due largely to the insistence of General George Washington.

Realizing the need for an organization to care for the health of his soldiers, General Washington wrote Congress on 21 July 1775, urging that action along this line be taken, for "the lives and health of both officers and men so much depend on a due regulation of this department."

On 27 July, a plan was approved for the founding of a "hospital," a term used to describe the organization itself and not a particular installation. This hospital was the medical organization for the colonial Nation's army of 20,000 men, and consisted of a Director General and Chief Physician, Dr. Benjamin Church of Boston, and four surgeons, one apothecary and one male nurse for every ten sick soldiers.

From this beginning the Medical Department has expanded to a personnel strength of over 600,000 and has achieved phenomenal results from the standpoint of scientific advances attained and also in the health of the American Army.

Under the guidance of Major General Norman T. Kirk, then Surgeon General, the Department emerged from World War II with an unexcelled record of achievement in the



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS, USA
The Surgeon General of the Army

evacuation and care of the wounded, in salvaging the human wreckage of war for return to active duty or civil life, and in making certain vital contributions to medical knowledge which will ultimately benefit the civil population.

Although our troops were scattered over the world in disease ridden areas and exposed to highly destructive weapons, the health of the Army was better during World War II than at any time in history. Despite the enormous number of battle wounds, the death rate from casualties in

the recent conflict was 4.5 per cent as contrasted to 8.3 per cent in World War I. Surgeons saved about 96 out of every 100 wounded men who were admitted to Army hospitals.

The record with regard to disease was likewise unprecedented. The annual death rate per 1,000 for all diseases in the Army was 0.6 per cent. In World War I it was 16.5 per cent. A force of 10,000 men in 1918 experienced 156 deaths yearly from disease, whereas this same

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LGH Celebration Of 172nd Medical Department Birthday

The local celebration of the birthday of the Medical Department will fill the day for the men and women of the staff who are doing so much to carry on the tradition for service to the sick and wounded which endeared the medics to the fighting forces during the late war.

Jumping the gun just a little there will be a dance at the Officers Club on Saturday evening as part of the celebration. On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock there will be a program broadcast to all wards in commemoration of the day. Lieut. Col. William L. Beswick, MAC, is the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. The band will open the ceremonies with the playing of "God Bless America" and an invocation by Chaplain Albert F. Click will follow. Then the Commanding Officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, will deliver an address on the meaning of the day, with benediction pronounced by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna. The band will close the program with the playing of the National Anthem.

There will be a special birthday dinner arranged by the Director of the Food Service section, Captain Helen MacLean, at which fried chicken will be the main course.

The men and women of the detachment will move off to Boyes Springs for a picnic at which there will be a softball game, swimming races, dancing to the music of our own band, and plenty in the way of refreshments.

The Letterman launch will make hourly trips of excursion around the bay beginning at 1000 and visitors will be accommodated to the capacity of the boat, which is 30 persons.

The Convalescent Services division has planned special busses for

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The 172nd Anniversary of the Army Medical Department

force lost only 6 men by death from disease in World War II.

The Army's extensive immunization program played a major role in this record of life conservation. Early in 1940, The Surgeon General expanded the Army's immunization program to meet the new disease threats inherent in a global war. All troops were routinely vaccinated against smallpox, typhoid fever and the paratyphoid fevers A and B.



Brig. Gen. GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

They were actively immunized against tetanus—a measure of great value in protecting the wounded. Only one death from tetanus, or lockjaw, occurred, and this was due to improper immunization.

Effective vaccine against yellow fever, epidemic typhus fever, cholera and plague were given to troops sent to areas where these deadly diseases existed. It is noteworthy that none of these diseases assumed any significance during the war among our troops. No cases of yellow fever occurred in the Army during World War II.

In the fall of 1945, following promising experimental tests, all personnel were immunized against influenza.

The immunization program is one of the Army's most potent weapons for preserving good health and thousands of American soldiers owe their lives to it. It is a far cry from the protective measures practiced in 1776 when soldiers commonly inoculated themselves against smallpox after an epidemic broke out during the retreat of the Continental Army from Quebec.

Of vital concern now to the Medical Department is the safeguarding

of American troops stationed in overseas areas where plagues and diseases which follow in the wake of war are apt to occur. Never have preventive medicine regulations been relaxed during or since the shooting war.

The impressive accomplishments of the Medical Department in World War II have added to the prestige of the Army as an agency for the promotion of scientific progress. It has been said that World War II might easily be remembered throughout history not for its battles and destruction, but rather for some of the scientific developments that resulted from the conflict.

Important among these was the vast production of penicillin and the establishment in Army hospitals of



Col. FRANK L. COLE, MC
Chief, Consultants Division

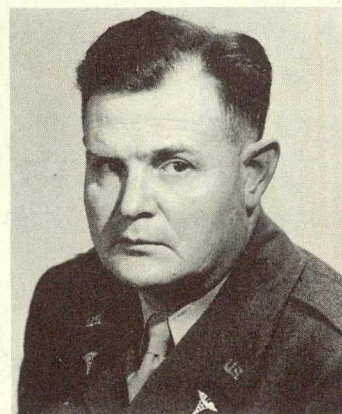
its range of clinical usefulness. Of equal significance was the introduction of DDT as a personal and environmental insecticide. This potent insect killer has been hailed as the most valuable weapon of preventive medicine perfected during this century.

Atabrine likewise ranks as one of the foremost developments of the war. Used as a substitute for quinine in the Medical Department's battles against malaria, this drug made possible the successful campaigns that were waged in the most malarious areas of the world. In one of the most beautifully coordinated programs which marked scientific endeavor during the war, some 14,000 chemical compounds were studied for their antimalarial properties. About 80 of them showed promise enough to warrant clinical investi-

gation in human malaria. The use of whole blood, blood plasma, and serum albumin in the prevention and treatment of shock and in resuscitation therapy also ranks high among the medical advances of the war.

The Medical Department made other important contributions to medical service as a result of World War II experience. Though less spectacular than the advances mentioned above, they have added greatly to the sum of scientific learning. These include new technics in surgery, particularly thoracic, peripheral nerve surgery, orthopedic surgery, and surgery of the heart. Interesting in nerve surgery was the development of the substance called fibrin foam, composed of substances taken from by-products of blood plasma production. This substance serves to clot blood and acts as a framework for the growth of nerves.

Tantalum, another new substance, was developed and put to use both as a suture material and as a foil for filling defects of bone. New methods of controlling contagious diseases were developed. These include a method of oiling floors and



Col. SILAS B. HAYES, MC
Chief, Supply Division

blankets to trap the germ of airborne infections and the use of glycol vapors to sterilize the air. Both procedures were instrumental in lowering the number of air-borne infections among troops in barracks.

Another by-product of blood plasma production called gamma globulin was found to contain antibodies which are capable of combating measles. The use of various sulfa drugs was widened and streptomycin, the new sister-drug of penicillin, was introduced and

showed definite promise in the treatment of various infectious diseases.

Knowledge of many obscure diseases, including hepatitis, scrub typhus, filariasis, and schistosomiasis increased greatly as a result of the Medical Department studies. The menace of diseases spread by rats was lessened by the development of two new rodenticides known as antu and 1080. The former is notable because it is not toxic to most large animals or to human beings. These and other advances are but an indication of the numerous strides in medicine developed under the impetus of war.

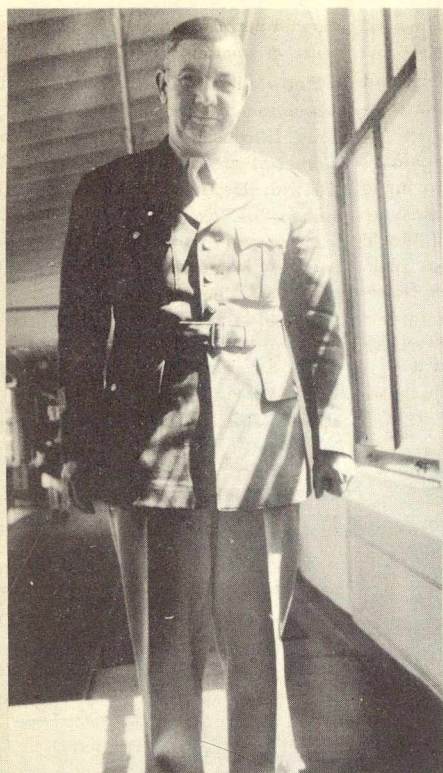
One of the big advantages the civilian population will receive from these war-time strides made in medicine is the better control of tropical diseases, because the Army doctor of today has a new concept of these diseases. With the tropics no more than 24 hours away by air travel, the treatment of tropical diseases will greatly increase in this country, and the experience of the Army doctor in this branch of medicine will stand him in good stead.

The personnel of the Medical Department is now divided into ten sections: Medical, Dental, Nurse, Veterinarian, Medical Administrative, Sanitary, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Dietitian, Pharmacist.

The far-flung and manifold activities of the Army Medical Department also include the Army Institute of Pathology, often referred to as the Army Medical Museum, and the Army Medical Library, each institution surpassing anything of the kind in existence.

The present Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, served as Deputy Surgeon General during the greater part of the recent war and it is his intention to carry on the program initiated by his predecessor for the post-war planning which includes the employment of outstanding civilian physicians in medicine, surgery, psychiatry, and other specialties as consultants to the Medical Department. They will be available for consultation, diagnostic and general supervisory work. Thus, a soldier will have the skilled medical attention not only of highly-trained military doctors but also of leaders of the civilian profession.

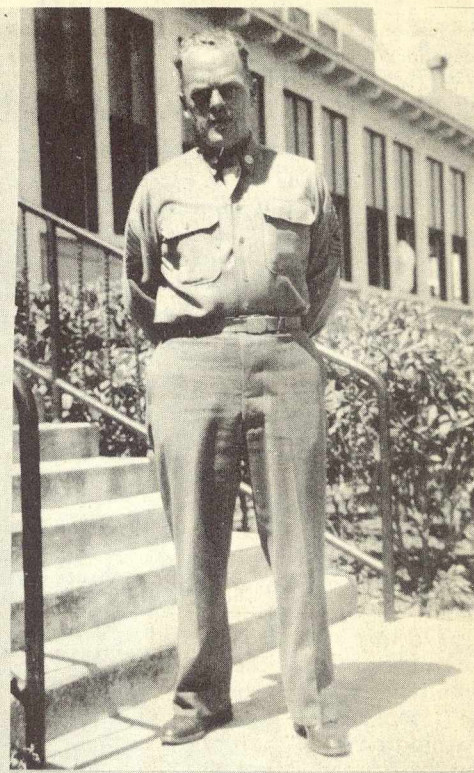
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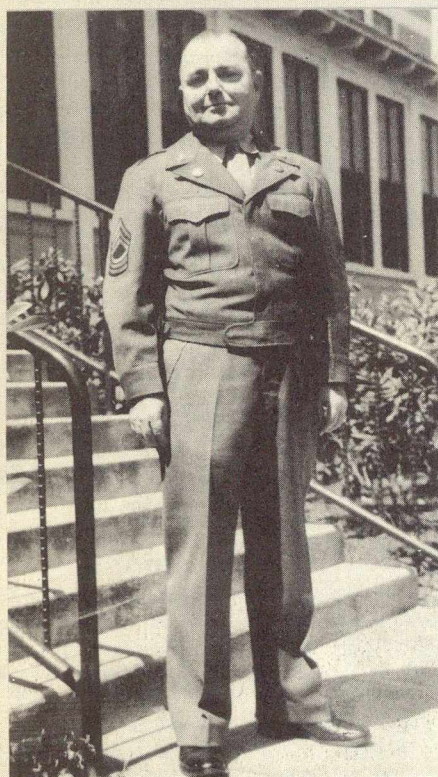
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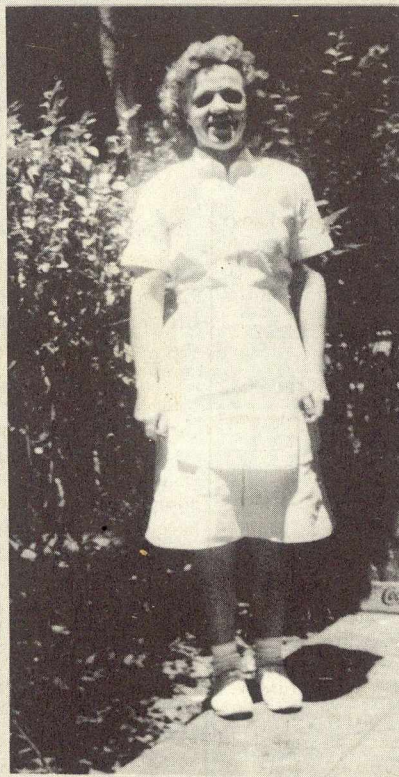
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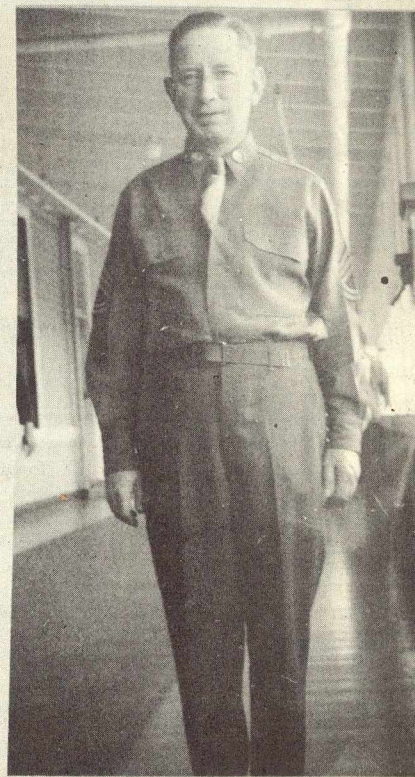
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EDITORIAL

FELICITATIONS

Tomorrow the Medical Department will celebrate the 172nd anniversary of its organization. It was back in Boston in 1775 that a handful of medical men got together to do something for the health of the troops under General Washington and that original unit expanded through the years until a high of 600,000 men were enrolled under the caduceus—the emblem of the department.

In the late war the medical service really established its value to the fighting forces in the number of lives saved that would have been fatalities in prior wars. Advances in surgical technique were in large measure responsible for the low death rate, but the new science of preventive medicine played no small part in the preservation of life.

The Medical Department as we have it in these post war days is devoted to a program that will carry on with the lessons learned in combat. A training program for medical officers is under way that will attract able and ambitious young doctors to the military service and ultimately give us a medical corps that will compare favorably with any professional group in civil life.

The care of the sick and injured is still the paramount duty of the men who wear the caduceus. The prevention of disease is next only to that.



Colonel Kermit H. Gates taking off for a personal reconnaissance of the tall corn situation in his native Iowa.

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New serial numbers for the officers of the Regular Army Nurse Corps with Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider now number N-14 and Major Frances C. Henchey N-23.

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Lillian Jones, of the Dental Staff, buying a bargain pen to use to send penny post cards during her vacation wanderings.

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A heavy demand for neckties which have returned to what the well dressed officer will wear hereabouts hereafter.

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Colonel Terry Bull, on Ward L-1, breaking his restriction to his room but mildly.

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Colonel Eddie Dwan, long time IG, finding his way downstairs in the dark better than most of us in broad daylight.

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Mysterious use of the measuring tape and sketch pads in and about the P. X. Grill. Looks like another change is in the air.

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Mr. Wylie Parker declaiming on the benefits of a long vacation. He had a short one.

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Tech Sergeant Charles Wilcox with orders to go back to school in St. Louis to learn more about machinery. His sentence—six months.

MORE ABOUT LGH CELEBRATION

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the Pacific Coast League baseball games at Oakland, and a trip for the Anglers' Club to the Golden Gate casting pool.

In the evening at 7:30 the Sixth Army Swimming championship meet will be held in the Letterman Swimming Pool.

With a corps of highly trained medical men it is within the realm of possibility to maintain an Army from which disease is all but banished.

Many happy returns.



A new member was welcomed to the dietitians staff this week with the arrival of 1st Lieut. Julia V. Skellchock, MDD. Lieutenant Skellchock, who returned to the States in April after overseas duty on Oahu, Saipan and Guam, received her discharge in June, but returned to duty 15 July. Her home is in Lansford, Pa., and she is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College.

First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy gets gifts just when they're needed. No sooner did she break her trusty combination cigarette case and lighter, than along came her birthday and she was presented with a new one. She also had a surprise birthday party at which Lieuts. Ruth Wall and Gertrude Shaffer and Miss Connie Kerr were hostesses.

Newcomer to the Army Nurse Corps staff is 1st Lieut. Barbara L. Wingo, who arrived 17 July, after service with the 38th Evacuation Hospital in Italy. Lieut. Wingo is on duty on ward O-1.

Capt. Alma C. Frey, ANC, is enjoying a 21-day leave at her home in Humphrey, Nebraska.

Two nurses are heading for civilian life this week—1st Lieuts. Elsie M. Hard and Madeline Turner. Lieut. Turner will return to her home in Buffalo, N. Y.

First Lieuts. Dorothy Glidden and Ruth Campbell of Physical Therapy are on leave in Minneapolis, Minn., and plan to drive back in Lieut. Campbell's car.

Six Letterman nurses departed for Camp Stoneman on Friday, with destination Yokohama. Those who went were: Major Dora Noble, Capt. Josephine Rosicky, Capt. Sarah Pollock, 1st Lieut. Jeanne R. Marquis, 1st Lieut. Helen J. Harwin, and 1st Lieut. Marguerite Miller.

A bridal shower was given Wednesday evening at the Nurses' Recreation Hall in honor of Mrs. Ronald D. Morison (the former Lieut. Virginia Peterson), who was married 6 July.

The hand that follows the intellect can achieve.—Michaelangelo.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 27 July, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Thursday at 1900.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Civil Service Announces More Examinations

Announcements have been received from the Civil Service Commission of examinations for probational appointment to four types of positions: Accountant and Auditor, Engineer, Geologist and Social Worker.

Closing date for applications for the Accountant and Auditor and Social Worker positions is 12 August 1947. For the other two, applications will be accepted until further notice.

The accountant positions will be in Washington, D. C.; engineer at Dayton and Wilmington, Ohio; geologist, in Washington, D. C., and throughout the United States; social worker at Veterans Administration installations throughout the country.

Salaries are as follows: Accountant and auditor, \$3,397 to \$5,905 a year; engineer, \$3,397 to \$9,975; geologist, \$4,149 to \$7,102; social worker, \$3,397 to \$8,179.

Complete information, and in some cases sample questions, on these positions are available in the Civilian Personnel office, room 201, LGH Administration Building.

No. 1 Grandpa

The Surgeon General of the Army became the Number One Grandpa of the Medical Department when a seven pound daughter, Susan, was born to Mrs. Raymond W. Bliss, Jr., on Thursday of last week.

According to late dispatches from New England the grandfather, the father, the mother, and Susan were all doing well.

WAC OF THE WEEK



EDITH ALTENBURG
Technician Third Grade

Attractive Edith Altenburg liked to travel even before she came into the WAC, but now it's really in her blood, and though she signed up to stay in the corps until June 1948, it isn't too soon for her to be planning more travel for the time when she is again a civilian. She wants to go to Mexico and to Hawaii, just for a start.

Edith performs clerical duties in the Registrar's office at Letterman, and has been there ever since she came to LGH in May 1946.

She is a native of Amsterdam, N. Y., and has recently returned from a 30-day furlough, part of which she spent at home visiting her parents. Her family also includes a brother and two sisters, one of whom is a former WAC. During her furlough Edith spent some time in North Carolina, visiting her brother, and she says the furlough was a wonderful 30 days. She flew one way and returned by train.

Before she joined the Army, Edith was with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., doing stenographic work. She was inducted into the WAC in January 1945, at Albany, N. Y., and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for her basic training, then to Des Moines to attend clerk's school. Her first duty station was Camp Hood, Texas, where she spent four months, leaving the day after V-J Day for Fort Meyer, Virginia.

While at Fort Meyer she worked in the fabulously spacious Pentagon Building, where at first it took her almost all her lunch hour just to find the mess hall.

Edith likes dancing and swimming, and her hobby is collecting jazz records.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Robert Anderson of ward C-2, who has been a patient at Letterman since December 1945, received his discharge this week, and is about to take off for Portland, Oregon.

The model airplane club got off to a fresh start last week with a reorganization meeting at the "Y" and the group now includes 18 members from Sixth Army, Presidio and Letterman. On the club committee are Charles Girsberger, Letterman patient, Don Abrams, and Rudy Ferrari. There are two groups, junior and senior, and they meet once a week in the craft room at the "Y," the junior Saturday night at 7 p. m., the senior on Sunday night at the same hour. They fly their planes every Sunday morning. The club is now known as the Golden Gate Modelairs, and the members as "Golden-Gators." Their club insignia shows an alligator holding a plane. They have tentatively scheduled a club meet for Wednesday, 2 August, to be held on the Presidio baseball diamond.

Special Services can give you the rules on the photography contest that began this week and will run until 20 August 1947. Photographs may be entered in any of the following categories:

- a. The mission and duties of the Army (daily life at a military installation, special events, etc.).
- b. The Army off-duty (recreational activities, soldier fun, etc.).
- c. Foreign countries and peoples (landscapes, architecture, photographs of people, customs, etc.).
- d. General pictorial photographs (story-telling photographs, still lifes, animals, portraits, and miscellaneous photographs, etc.).

Valuable prizes will be awarded the winner in each category. Winning photographs will be forwarded to Headquarters Sixth Army for consideration in the Army-wide contest. See the hospital bulletin boards or contact Special Services for the rules.

Robert F. Burnett was one of a group of patients from ward A-2 who enjoyed the hospitality of the hosts of the Saddle Bar in Marin County last Sunday. The patients were entertained with a calf-roping and trick riding contest and with a barbecue steak diner, and nobody

had to pick up the check, because there wasn't any, it was all on the house.

LGH Memorandum 77, issued this week, prescribes the wearing of the uniform by patients as follows:

a. Within Hospital:

(1) Complete hospital clothing consisting of pajamas and bathrobes, or convalescent suits. Wearing of privately owned robes is permitted.

(2) Military personnel authorized to retain uniform clothing on their wards may wear such clothing. The uniform when worn off the ward will be complete with necktie.

(3) Civilian patients and retired military patients will wear complete civilian clothing.

b. Without Hospital:

(1) When remaining in the general vicinity of the hospital: Complete hospital clothing in the general vicinity such as the recreation hall, gym, swimming pool, Crissy Annex, and other buildings forming a part of the hospital. The Army YMCA is classed as a part of the hospital for this purpose. Military personnel authorized to retain uniform clothing on their wards may wear such uniform clothing as prescribed in Par. a (2) above. Civilian patients and retired military patients may wear civilian clothing as prescribed in Par. a (3) when they are authorized to retain such clothing on their wards.

(2) When leaving the general vicinity of the hospital on authorized pass, leave or other purposes: Complete Class A summer or winter uniform. Civilian patients and retired military patients will wear civilian clothing as prescribed in Par. a (3) above.

Bill Phillips of ward 28 has been a Letterman patient since May 1945, and it's beginning to look like a long time between furloughs, since he hasn't been home since Christmas. His home is in Salinas, California.

No less than 41 patients have won silver dollars for knowing the right answers on the USAFI Quiz Show broadcasts over KLGH in the past two weeks. They were: Robert R. Ware, Rufus Myers, Melvin Denand, Samuel Lee Tate, Robert Anderson, Wallace Skaggs, James Cordell, Eddie Davis, William Goff, Vin-

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



GEORGE B. GARNER
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 George Garner, who says he likes anything he does as long as he's learning something, is currently learning every day as he performs his duties as laboratory technician here at Letterman.

George was born in Kirksville, Missouri, and attended Northwest Missouri State Teachers College there, completing a year and a half before entering the Army in March 1946. He was inducted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and his first duty station was Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he remained for two months.

He was then assigned to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, on duty as laboratory technician with the 79th Field Hospital. In September 1946 the 79th came to Letterman, and since that time George has been working in the clinical laboratory here.

He intends to return to teachers college when he receives his discharge, and wants to teach administration, chemistry, and mathematics when he finishes his studies. He plans to use his experience in laboratory work on part time jobs while he's in school.

He will receive his discharge the end of August, and has the days counted—he says there are 39 more—until that time. Then he will go back to school this Fall.

George even spends a good part of his free time in studying, he says. He enjoys most sports, but bowling is the only one he takes time for now.

Overheard at the movies: "Isn't it wonderful how movies have advanced in the past years?"

"It sure is: first there were silent ones, then talkies, and now this one smells."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Verne Shores, Letterman's classification analyst, became the bride of Don Wynn on Monday, 14 July, in San Francisco. Her husband is from her home state, Missouri, and they have known one another for the past eight years. Mr. Wynn arrived in San Francisco the day of the wedding.

The housing problem became a sad reality this week for Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office, because early last Sunday morning a fire caused by defective wiring burned down the house in which she and her husband had their apartment. They saved most of their clothes and some of their furniture, and were fortunate enough to escape injury, but so far they have no place to live, and are staying with friends in Sausalito.

Helen Day of the Pathology Laboratory accomplished a lot on her vacation. Not only did she redecorate and refurnish her house, she entertained friends from Washington, D. C., and visited Santa Cruz and Sacramento. Helen's nickname is "Sugar," because she likes the stuff so well she puts two table-spoonsful in every cup, according to report.

Helen Diez of the Record Room is at home recovering after a minor operation on her foot, and she is much missed at LGH.

Margaret Hickey of ward P plans a trip to White Horse, Alaska, during her two-month vacation. She will be accompanied by her sister and her niece.

Get-well wishes go to Mrs. Alice Thompson, manager of the Letterman PX, who underwent a major operation last week at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose. The operation was performed by the former Col. John D. Lamon, Jr., who was chief of the Medical Service at Letterman before he returned to civilian practice. Word from her friends at the PX is that "Tommy" is progressing nicely.

The usual Monday luncheon get-together for the girls of the Convalescent Service was a surprise birthday party for Harriet Baken this week. Helen Hoffman baked a special birthday cake for the occasion, and decorated it with pink icing and candles.

Marshall Douglas, who was a member of a photo reconnaissance squadron during the war and who has now returned to civilian life, joined the staff of the Letterman Photographic laboratory last week.

SHE'S GOOD AT EXTERIOR (SUNTAN) AND INTERIOR (APT.) DECORATING



Miss ALICE S. TORGERSON
Ornaments the Finance Office at LGH

Smiling, vivacious Alice Torgerson is smiling more than ever these days because after over a year of apartment-hunting she is now the lucky co-tenant of that elusive commodity, an unfurnished apartment, upon which she is now engaged in exercising her flair for interior decorating. The other tenant is also a Lettermanite, Miss Harriet Baken, LGH music instructor.

Alice, who is also known as "Torgie," says that she and Harriet are having fun deciding on what to buy for their new home. "Our ideas are restricted only by our budgets," she adds. And you can tell when you talk with her that ingenuity will more than make up for those restrictions. The apartment has the added advantage of being only a few blocks from the post.

Torgie was born in Elk River, Idaho, where she grew up and went to school. She worked for an insurance firm in Portland, Oregon, before she became a government employee in February 1944. That was at Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Washington. She began there in the Legal Department, but before

long was promoted to the position of secretary to Colonel A. B. McKie, the commanding officer. Colonel McKie speaks of her as "a most efficient secretary." She remained at Baxter until it closed in November 1945, then came to San Francisco.

While on leave she took a temporary position in private industry in San Francisco, but "I got lonesome for the Army," says Torgie, "and several of my friends from Baxter were at Letterman," so in January 1946 she came to Letterman and the Finance Office.

She likes dancing, the theatre, and swimming, and has recently been taking golf lessons which have made her into an avid golf enthusiast.

She is just back from a vacation spent at Strawberry Lake, above Longbarn, and at Lake Tahoe, and she is still exclaiming over the beauty and the clear waters of Tahoe. One of her major interests is photography, and she came back with a lot of color photographs of vacation scenes. She also came back with a super suntan, of which she is justifiably proud.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John Lenius, a girl, **Linda Lee**, weight 7 pounds, born 14 July.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Wheeler, a boy, **Dana Robert**, weight 8 pound and 15 ounces, born 14 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Royal Sorensen, a girl, **Maryann**, weight 7 pounds and 10½ ounces, born 15 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Hugh L. Hall, a boy, **Patrick James**, weight 8 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 18 July.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John E. Trechter, a girl, **Theresa Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 19 July.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. William King, a boy, **John William Peter**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 21 July.

Largest Air Evacuation Of Patients

Nearly 300 of the 400 patients who arrived here last week on the hospital ship "Comfort" were evacuated by air from Hamilton Field on Tuesday of this week, in the largest flight of its kind from the Bay area. Twenty-one planes were used in the flight: 20 C-47's and one C-54. There were thirty litter patients in the group.

One hundred of the patients went to Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, and the other were flown to Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.; Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, Mass.; Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga.; Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.; Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.

Boss: "So you're a West Point graduate and you can't get tickets for the Army-Navy game? What do you think we hired you for, anyway?"

I want a girl who is good, clever and beautiful.

Say, you don't want one, you want three.

WAC

Sally Craig has a new car with red-and-white wheels and blue body. A contest is being contemplated to give this tricolored vehicle an appropriate patriotic name. Please submit suggestions to Sgt. Sally Craig, care of the O. T. Shop photo lab.

When asked where she acquired her unusual sun tan, Viola Hocking blushed more beetly and said quickly "X-Ray machine," then in a split second denied this story and said she picked it up in Reno.

Aletha Birchfield spent the week end with Pat Nacey, who is thoroughly enjoying her privacy and roomy quarters in the YWCA in San Jose. Wonder if the drastic change in living comfort has affected Pat's work?

Frances Jenkins, Betty Miller, two visiting firemen and Flush, the breezy cocky cocker, went crab-digging on the sands of Stinson Beach last week end.

Lois Henry, Dorothy Gustafson and Henrietta Callari survey the entrance and exits of Golden Gate Park and finally landed on the wild and woolly horses of the Merry-Go-Round in Playland. But the horses didn't stop them from riding merrily also on every other movable gadget there.

The name is no longer Juette Plumley; it is now Mrs. Hartlewell. On Saturday, 19 July, Juette became the bride of Sgt. Ervel M. Hartlewell, who is stationed at Hamilton Field but is currently a Letterman patient. Sergeant Hartlewell and his bride were old school friends. Sylvia and Pfc. James Widson were the attendants at the wedding. At present the Hatlewells are on a honeymoon furlough.

Frances Black is planning to spend a six-day furlough with friends in Los Angeles.

On the last official inventory of animal life at the abode of M/Sgt. Opal Glenn there appeared six cats of various ancestry and a black cocker spaniel. Now comes the news that a Great Dane Puppy will add his voice to the sounds of welcome heard after a day at the detachment office. Ah, there's no place as peaceful as home!

Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson is now a member of our detachment, having arrived recently from Camp Kilmer, N. J.

HE'S BACK AT LETTERMAN FOR HIS THIRD TOUR OF DUTY HERE



T/Sgt. ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN
Assigned to Sergeant Major's office

Re-enlisting at Letterman is becoming a habit with T/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin, who returned here this month after re-enlisting at LGH for the second time. It is his third tour of duty here, so the conclusion that he must like Letterman is inevitable. "I've been in the Army 12 years over a period of 20 years," he says, "and now I'm working on the last eight."

Sgt. McLaughlin was born in Okeechobee, Florida. He first enlisted in the Army in 1927, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and his first assignment was Corregidor, with the Medical Department, HDMSE, which he amplifies to Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays. He was there from 1927 to 1929, after which he came to Letterman and was here nearly five years. Most of that time was spent in personnel work, with the exception of a year as mess clerk. He received his discharge in 1933, and went back to civilian life until February 1941.

During those years out of the Army, Sgt. McLaughlin worked as a logger in Northern California. Then he re-enlisted at LGH, and was here for a year and a half in

the Personnel Section. Then from August until November 1942 he was at Camp Stoneman, as sergeant major for the camp surgeon.

In November he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Transportation Corps, was detailed to Medical Administrative Corps, and remained at Stoneman until November 1944, training personnel for hospital ships and later training stevedores. In 1944 he went overseas, and served at New Guinea, and later at Manila, where he was maritime personnel officer for the Philippine Base Section.

He returned to the States in November 1945, and after spending a leave at his home in Florida, was assigned to Fort Lawton, Washington. He was Supply Officer there until August 1946. He was then sent to Korea, assigned to the 54th Transportation Corps service group. Upon his return home the following November he received his discharge. Then this month he again enlisted, and he is now in the Sergeant Major's office.

His wife is also an ex-Lettermanite, the former Capt. Genevieve Olsson of the Army Nurse Corps.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Text books covering a great variety of subjects are available for loan at the Education Reconditioning Office. All personnel are invited to look them over. Any one at all interested in furthering his education will find some book of interest.

If you are planning on college when you are discharged from the service, why not get started now in some subject that you know will be required? There are texts on English and American Literature, Psychology, Philosophy, Physics, Biology and Mathematics. High School Level texts are plentiful too.

Perhaps business is your future field. There are such titles as "Business Law," "Fundamentals of Selling," "The Mathematics of Investment," "Modern Business English" and "Merchandising Techniques."

The texts on farming are numerous. There are books on soils, crops, poultry farming, dairy farming, growing trees and small fruit, as well as books on managing a farm, keeping farm records and farm shop practice.

For mechanically-minded people, the auto mechanics, radio, electricity, air conditioning and machine tool operation texts are excellent. The selection in drawing is good—mechanical drawing, blue print reading, and commercial art are among those on hand. Amateur photographers would probably be very interested in the text on elementary photography.

Do you expect to have your own business? There is a book entitled "Small Business" as well as texts on the operation of the heating and plumbing contracting business, the retail bakery, the owning and operating of a drug store, a grocery store, a hardware store and a beauty shop. The real estate and life insurance business and the operation of a laundry is included.

We must not forget to mention our elementary section. If you have not had the opportunity to have much formal schooling, we have texts for you too, and someone to help you study if you desire.

So, come to building 1039 (downstairs) and ask about our USAFI Library. It's the Educational Reconditioning Office, phone 4403.

"Is it unlucky to postpone a wedding?" asked the young man.

And a grouchy bachelor replied:

"Not if you keep on postponing it."

Army Medical Library Microfilm Exhibit in N. Y.

Newest examples of microfilm duplication of the nation's greatest collection of medical literature were displayed recently at the Fifth International Congress of Pediatrics meeting at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York. The feature exhibit was sponsored by the Photoduplication Division of the Army Medical Library, branch of the Office of The Surgeon General.

A treasure chest of medical information, going back in some cases to medieval times, the Army Medical Library in Washington now has a collection of more than one million volumes that have been gathered, catalogued and indexed since 1836 when Surgeon General Joseph Lovell began the work during the administration of President Andrew Jackson.

Through the microfilm service of the Army Medical Library, physicians, libraries and professional workers almost anywhere in the world may obtain facsimile replicas of this great bulk of existing medical literature on 35 millimeter film, according to Colonel J. H. McNinch, commandant of the Army Medical Library.

Any page of a medical journal, book or manuscript is photographed with high-speed cameras in the microfilm process. The physician or researcher requesting the material receives the film reproduction reduced to the size of a large postage stamp for each page. These pages can be read either in small-size film viewers which enlarge the tiny microfilm, or they can be projected to large, readable size in special machines now available in many libraries and research centers. A whole book on microfilm takes only as much space as the corner of a coat pocket.

During the year 1946 over six million pages of medical literature were distributed on 551,102 feet of microfilm. If one attended a two hour movie each night in the week for six weeks, one could not view as much film as the photoduplication service of the Army Medical Library distributed on a world-wide basis last year.

From a doctor in the Belgian Congo came an urgent request for a complete bibliography on the nutritional merits of soy beans, peanuts and cottonseed. From France came a request for medical reports on injuries in parachute jumps. Two



TOPS IN TENNIS

Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, presents tennis trophies to Lieut. Col. John Ficichy, Jr., MC, assistant chief, EENT Clinic, and Sgt. Frank Cornell, Letterman patient. Colonel Ficichy was the winner in the LGH singles tennis tournament which concluded last Saturday, and Sergeant Cornell was runner-up.

sources in South Africa sought medical information available only in Japanese medical literature. In addition, thousands of physicians and other professional workers in the United States sought complete facsimile bibliographies on hundreds of specific medical subjects.

Costs are moderate for the microfilm duplicating service that brings the world's medical literature into the office of any physician, however remote. Articles in medical periodicals are duplicated on microfilm for fifty cents each. Books are duplicated for fifty cents for each fifty pages or fraction thereof. Photostats are priced at fifty cents for each ten pages or fraction thereof for any single volume. There are certain restrictions on photoduplication to protect the rights of copyright owners.

A man dropped his wig in the street and a boy picked it up and handed it to him. "Thanks, my boy," said the owner of the wig. "You are the first genuine hair restorer I have ever seen."

MORE ABOUT ON AND OFF THE RECORD

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cent Masci, Fred Sheridan, Leon Raff, Guy Good, Franklin J. May, Morris Goldberg, Joe Gilbert, Roland E. Marshall, Tommie McDowell, Merritt D. Bakalyar, Lyle B. Wetherford, Robert A. Schumann, James Bryant, Raymond F. Hopkins, Robert O. Mysledt, Jan H. Skelton, Thomas C. Coogan, Daniel E. Smith, Thomas E. Berule, Galen D. Lowe, Tommy Canter, Johnny Aihulzu, Jr., Leonard F. Hanthe, Victor Penso, John E. Whyterra, William Phillips, Cameron D. Iseman, Pete P. Mendoza, Read C. Albrechtsen, Kay Perfect, Tony Lafaro, Norman Larson.

Willis Brown of ward C-2, whose home is in Berkeley, says his list of family is like a Gilbert and Sullivan song, the one which refers to "his sisters and his cousins and his aunts." And no wonder—he has about 20 aunts and uncles, and sisters and cousins besides.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The Veterans Administration is urging all wives of veterans to check with their husbands and determine whether their G. I. life insurance is in force.

Reinstatement of lapsed G. I. term insurance is very simple. Until Aug. 1 veterans may reinstate term insurance by payment of just two monthly premiums and a signed statement that the veteran's health is as good as when the policy lapsed.

G. I. insurance provides the veteran and his or her family with greater security, at lower cost, than any other protection available today.

There are some 370,000 women veterans of World War II eligible to retain or reinstate National Service Life Insurance.

G. I. insurance policies were issued to 297,000 women veterans during the war. However, under the liberalized insurance law all veterans who did not have policies while in the service may obtain them now at the same favorable rates.

Women veterans eligible for insurance include former members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps, Women's Reserve of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, Physical Therapists, Dieticians and Medical Officers.

Question: My claim for disability compensation based on an ailment incurred while I was a prisoner of war has been disallowed. Now it is getting worse and I would like to know what I can do to get compensation?

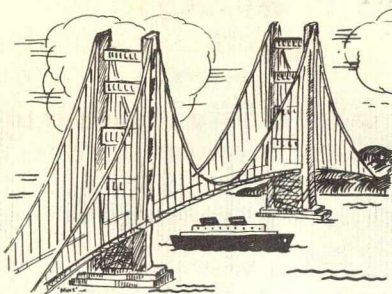
Answer: Veterans Administration will give special consideration to disability claims filed by veterans interned in enemy prison camps. You should get in touch with your nearest VA office and have your case reopened.

Question: Does National Service Life Insurance have any restrictions as to travel, occupation or place of residence?

Answer: No. There are no special restrictions or premiums for travel, occupation or place of residence.

Promotion

From First Lieutenant to Captain: **Walter A. Osinski, MC.**



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General Eisenhower Announces Policy On Unification

After the President had signed into law the Congressional bill to unify the armed services, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, issued the following message to all army personnel both at home stations and overseas. The warmth of the pronouncement bodes well for the success of the team—Army, Navy, Air Forces—in maintaining our national security.

"The President has signed the National Security Act of 1947 and unification of the armed forces will soon be an established fact.

"This measure is designed to integrate our military forces—Army, Navy, and Air Force—into a coordinated fighting team. It is incumbent upon all ranks to accept and to practice unification in spirit and in action as a patriotic duty. We of the Army must do our full part to insure the success of this legislation and demonstrate that it results in greater unification as opposed to separation.

"There will be no change in official status of the Army with respect to the Air Force until specific orders are issued. Thereafter, I am particularly anxious that the existing pleasant and friendly relations between ground and air personnel continue, and that every possible means be adopted to insure that legal recognition of the autonomy of the Air Force will serve only to bring us closer together in friendship and in performance of duty.

"Air Force personnel will continue to enjoy the same rights, privileges and facilities to which they have always been titled as members of the Army in such matters as command status, assignment of quar-

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL
With Oak-Leaf Cluster is presented by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, to Technician Fourth Grade Chester J. Geisel of Galva, Kansas, Letterman patient, for heroic action in the Philippines during the war.

COL. WINN DECORATED BY GEN. CLARK

Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer, was decorated by General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army Commanding General, with the Oak Leaf Cluster of the Legion of Merit, at an award ceremony held Thursday on the Presidio parade grounds. Colonel Winn was one of eight who received awards at the ceremony. His award was given for his outstanding service as commanding officer of England General Hospital.

He was cited for "exceptionally

meritorious service as Commanding Officer, England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J., from December 1945 to July 1946. His unremitting devotion to duty, initiative, energetic leadership and administrative ability has been superior. He was responsible for the outstanding accomplishment of this hospital in reconditioning and rehabilitation of all patients, particularly the paraplegic and amputation cases, which has reflected great credit to the Medical Department."

LGH Patient Receives Bronze Star Medal

The Bronze Star Medal with bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was presented to Technician Fourth Grade Chester J. Geisel last week by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding Officer, in an informal ceremony in Colonel Winn's office.

Sergeant Geisel, who is at present a patient on ward 29, received his decoration for heroic achievement in the Philippines during the war, when he was a medical corpsman attached to an infantry rifle platoon.

The citation accompanying his award states: "By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded by the Commanding General, American Division, to Technician Fifth Grade Chester J. Geisel, as published in General Orders No. 179, this headquarters, 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, American Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944.

"For heroic achievement in operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Island, on 5 March 1945 Technician Giesel, a Medical Corpsman attached to an infantry rifle platoon, exposed himself to direct enemy fire to give aid to a wounded man who was within thirty yards of the enemy positions. While giving aid to the wounded man, Technician Giesel was wounded himself and when aid was sent to him requested that the aid be sent to the other man. The bold courage and unselfishness displayed by Technician Giesel were an inspiration to the men and are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service."

Functional Occupational Therapy Shop Opens at LGH

The new Occupational Therapy Functional Shop opened last week at Letterman in Building 1035, and approximately 40 patients a day are currently receiving treatments there, reports Miss Mary Kay Berteling, OTR, Chief of Occupational Therapy Section. A number of these patients receive more than one treatment each day. Functional treatments are also given on the wards to bed patients who are unable to come to the O. T. Shop.

The Occupational Therapy Section is under the direction of Captain Alfred V. Bateman, MC, Acting Chief of Physical Medicine. His assistants are Captain William H. Whiting, MC, and First Lieutenant Knute A. Tofte-Nielsen, MAC.

The opening of the functional shop marks the division of Occupational Therapy Section into two separate departments—Functional and Diversional. The latter is still in Building 1062, and is open from 0800 to 1130 and from 1300 to 1600 Monday through Friday. It is still necessary for patients to have a referral slip from their ward officers for diversional work.

Hours at the Functional Shop are 0800 to 1600, Monday through Saturday. Patients are given referral slip from ward officers to the Physical Medicine Service, just as for other medical treatments. They are then examined by Medical Corps consultants who determine the particular treatment necessary in each case.

The registered Occupational Therapists on duty are told by the Medical Corps officers what kind of exercise the patient requires, and they then assign the patient to an activity which will provide that type of exercise. It is often necessary for the patient to engage in several activities if one type does not give him sufficient exercise.

Treatments are usually for one-hour periods, and some of the patients come back in their spare time to continue the needed activity in order to speed their recovery.

Patients who come to the Occupational Therapy Functional Shop are given treatments to help in co-ordination, finger flexion and extension, elbow flexion and extension, and to increase shoulder action, among others. Hemiplegic patients receive training to help them regain ease of motion in performing everyday activities, such as eating, writing, tying shoelaces, etc. Speech-training is also given.



IN THE O. T. FUNCTIONAL SHOP
Miss Margaret Flack, OTR, directs the work of patients weaving on the upright looms. L. to R.: Elmo Buckley of Walla Walla, Washington, ward C-2; Victor J. Jacquot of Chula Vista, California, ward B-2.

Among the activities provided in the Functional Shop are weaving, finger-painting, clay work, and cord-knotting and other minor crafts.

In the carpentry shop there are several bicycle jig-saws, on which articles of wood or plastic can be made. Printing is also taught.

The treatments are designed to restore normal functioning of the injured part of the body, and although many of the activities have a diversional angle, their purpose is not to entertain but to provide the necessary exercise for injured muscles.

Although the main portion of the new shop is used for prescribed treatments, it also houses a very complete photography laboratory, which is used for diversional purposes. It is equipped with enlargers, contact printers and all material for developing negatives and making prints, and every day an increasing number of patients is putting its facilities to good use.

Personnel of the Functional Shop include three registered Occupational Therapists, one enlisted man and one civilian. Two enlisted duty personnel are assigned to the photo

New Stamp

On Wednesday afternoon last in the Rotunda of the San Francisco City Hall, the Honorable Joseph J. Lawler, Third Assistant Postmaster General of the United States, officially released the new twenty-five cent air mail stamp which features the city of San Francisco and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. This is the first time in the one-hundred years of United States Postage Stamps that any municipality has been given such recognition. Major Roger D. Lapham represented the city of San Francisco and Postmaster William H. McCarthy of San Francisco sponsored the ceremonies.

lab, and they give instruction in the use of materials and equipment.

The registered Occupational Therapists are the Chief, Miss Mary Kay Berteling, and her assistants, Miss Margaret Flack and Miss Anne Murany. T/5 Bob Richardson is assigned to general duties, and Miss Ruth de Hay does the secretarial work.

The duties of the photo lab are carried out by T/4 Sally Craig and Pfc. Milton Liechty.

More Than 12,000 California Veterans Training Under VRA

Almost 230,000 disabled veterans of World War II, including 12,626 in California, are training in school or on jobs under the provisions of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, Veterans Administration reported this week.

In California 7,906 disabled veterans are in school and 4,720 are training on jobs. A disabled veteran is not declared rehabilitated until he completes a prescribed course of training or accepts employment in the occupation for which he was being trained.

California disabled veterans in school include 2,380 in Northern California, 5,357 in the Los Angeles area and 169 at San Diego.

To be eligible for training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act a veteran must have had active service between Sept. 6, 1940 and the official end of the war (which has not yet been declared), with a discharge other than dishonorable.

The veteran must also have a compensable service-connected disability and must show a need for vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of the disability.

MORE ABOUT UNIFICATION

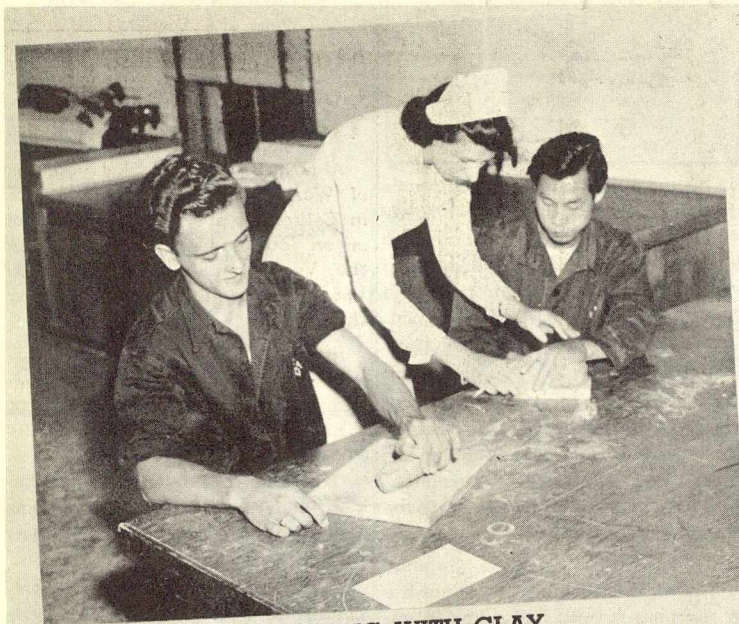
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tiers, commissary and post exchange privileges, membership in clubs and use of recreational facilities and activities. In short, although legally they will no longer be 'in the Army' they will in all ways continue to be treated as members of the 'Army family'.

"I am equally anxious that a similar relationship be achieved with Navy personnel within the new national military establishment. Army personnel whose duties bring them in contact with members of the Navy and Marine Corps will make a particular effort to foster the most cordial possible relation.

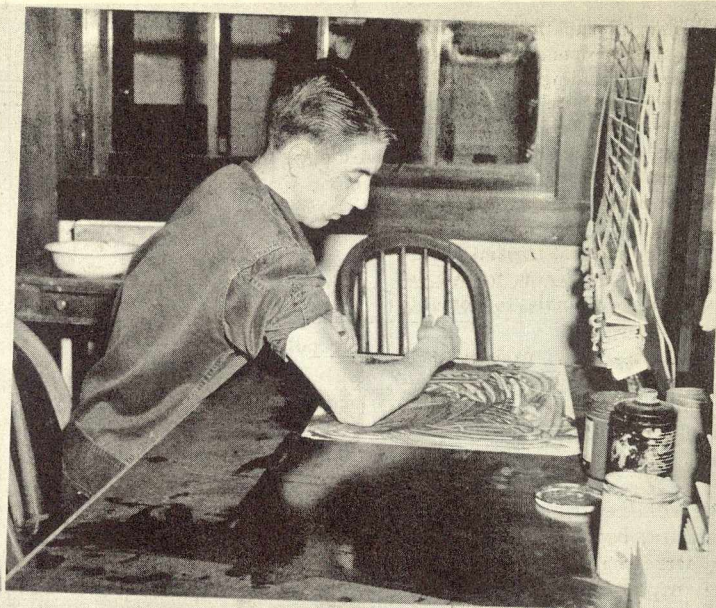
"Commanders of all ranks will give their personal attention to this matter, which I consider of paramount importance and the keystone of Army policy in our future relations with our sister services."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



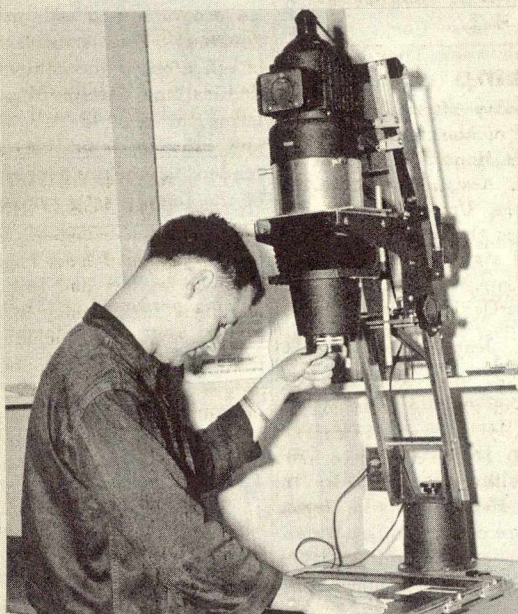
WORKING WITH CLAY

In the O. T. Functional Shop. Miss Anne Murany, OTR, instructs the patients. L to R: Harold S. Colby of Franklin, H. H., ward 1, and Andrew Ding of Portland, Ore., ward C-2.



FINGER-PAINTING

James Wheaton of Tucson, Ariz., patient on ward C-2, exercises his injured arm by means of finger - painting.



IN THE PHOTO LAB

at the O. T. Shop Henry J. Cwik of Johnstown, Pa., patient on ward 41, uses the enlarger.



CONTACT PRINTING

Franklin May of Aledo, Ill., ward 2, gets pointers on photography from T-4 Sally Craig of the O. T. photo lab.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Army Advantages

We realize that excitement is running high for many . . . with the prospect of leaving the Army and returning to the civilian world. It is understandable, and just, that you should feel the desire to spread your wings, and pursue the educational advantages you desire.

We have heard, as well as you, this type of remark, "when I get out of the Army I'm going to do such and such a thing." Strange, isn't it, that the same ambition can be used and directed in the Army if you so desire.

Then, again, we've heard: "What has the Army to offer me?" The Army, today, has set up more educational advantages without cost to you than you could obtain in the civilian world at great cost. The actual cost to you in the Army is only the effort and time you utilize to further your career.

You can budget your time and your energy to accomplish whatever you want to do. Certainly the Army gives each person an equal chance to acquire the knowledge they desire. Where can you find such an opportunity in civilian life?

We are not attempting to discourage or deter anyone from their well laid course but we do want you to stop and think—just what the Army offers you.

There's also another point to consider: "What can you give to the Army?"

WAC

Celebrating her birthday in style last Saturday Captain Marion Chapin feasted upon many goodies, among them fresh crab.

Juette Plumley Hartsell is back on duty, reporting a delightful honeymoon furlough.

Sgt. Margaret Drescher and her husband Bud returned Sunday evening from a Russian River week end complete with camp bed roll, twin suntans and enthusiastic praise of the popular river resort.

Elsie Lepitre and Sally Craig and friends picnicked on the beach Sunday, found the ocean just right for swimming and the hot dogs just right for eating. This week Sally entered the hospital for a tonsillectomy—prelude to a 30-day furlough.

Lois Henry left this week for Brooks Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, where she will assume the duties of company first sergeant.

Back in the WAC fold is T/5 Leatrice Lamascus, a former Lettermanite who recently re-enlisted in Oklahoma.

Another former Lettermanite, Eleanor Eaton, now in Vienna, was the winning pitcher in two softball games in which the Vienna Wac detachment team took a double-header by trouncing the 98th General Hospital of Munich 19-4, and the ECIS of Obergammgau 22-3.

The sympathy of the members of the detachment goes to Jean Zack, who flew to Pennsylvania this week to attend her father's funeral.

Everyone now believes that there is in a man an animating, ruling characteristic essence, or spirit, which is himself. This spirit, dull or bright, petty or grand, pure or foul, looks out of the eyes, sounds in the voice, appears in the manners of each individual. It is what we call personality.—Charles Eliot.

Draftees will be forgotten and the Army will become a career. Just what can you give it? Your integrity and single-mindedness of purpose—to do a job well . . . whatever job there is to do. You can give much and receive ten fold in exchange for one.

Think hard and clearly. Do you really want to leave the Army?—Beaumont News.



The deadline date for acceptance of applications for the Regular Army Nurse Corps has been extended to 30 September 1947, according to word received this week from the War Department. The screening centers will remain in operation until 31 October.

First Lieut. Frances R. Dunlevy, who was on leave in Ohio during July, became the bride of Robert J. Thorpe on 19 July. She returned to duty this week, but is about to be separated from the service.

First Lieut. Evangeline Gunder-son, ANC, is returning to civilian life in the near future, and plans to enter the University of California.

Back from Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, is 1st Lieut. Naomi Meilicks, MDD. She has been taking the course in mess administration there.

Three newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman this week. They have recently returned to the States after duty in the ETO—First Lieutenants Ethel M. Earth, Marguerite Laetsch and Jean C. Ashley.

First Lieuts. Beatrice Sandhoff, Ruth Wall and Leath Shaffer entertained friends from Carmel one evening last week. They had dinner at Grison's Steak House and afterwards went to the Ice Follies.

First Lieut. Jean Hawkins, MDD, was welcomed to Letterman this week as a member of the dietitians staff. Lieut. Hawkins, who recently re-enlisted in the Army, was formerly at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Her home is in North Dakota. Before coming to Letterman she took the mess administration course at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Wedding bells rang for First Lieut. Carlene Alexander, ANC, in Reno on 18 July, when she became the bride of John E. Squires. Mr. Squires has just been separated from the Army, and Mrs. Squires is about to be separated. They have not yet decided where they will make their home.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 3 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Appreciation

The following letter of appreciation, addressed to the Commanding Officer, is published for the information of all concerned:

"It is desired to express appreciation to you and to your entire staff for the cooperation extended to the Manpower Analysis Team of this office during the performance of its work at the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, from 24 April to 18 July 1947.

"Your response to the requirements of the team in carrying out its program was both prompt and generous. Your excellent provision of office space and equipment, communications, transportation and billeting, as well as the recreational and other post facilities freely extended to the individual members of the team greatly facilitated their task. The interested and active co-operation and participation of commissioned, enlisted and civilian operating personnel of the hospital reflected your own interest. I, therefore, take pleasure in expressing to you and to them my sincere appreciation of your and their assistance."

EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General

Tre Adjutant General

Promotions

From First Lieutenant to Captain: Richard L. Anderegg, MC; Lionel M. Bernstein, MC; Dwight C. Dawson, MC; Irving A. Friedman, MC; Haskell F. Norman, MC; Karl Stillwater, MC.

The transcendent importance of love and good will in all human relations is shown by their mighty beneficial effect upon the individual and society.—George D. Birkhoff.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ANNA M. LAUE
Technician Third Grade

Her thirst for learning still unsatisfied after receiving her B. A. from Maxwell Teachers College in Brooklyn, N. Y., and her M. A. from New York University, Sergeant Anna Laue has also taken special courses at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.; Brooklyn College, Hunter College, City College of N. Y., Columbia University, Brooklyn Teachers Association, and the University of California.

She has specialized in clinical psychology and psychiatric social work, and it is this type of work in which she is engaged here at Letterman. She is assigned to duty on ward 25.

Sergeant Laue, who is now on military leave from her teaching duties in New York state, did specialized teaching of children of retarded mental development in the age group from 14 through 17.

She entered the Army in January 1945, and received her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She also took a course in aviation neuropsychiatry at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs. Her first duty station was Kearney Army Air Base, Kearney, Nebraska, where she was assigned to the Personnel Consultation office. She remained there until the end of 1945, and then was sent to Castle Field, near Merced.

In April of 1945 she was transferred to Letterman and her present assignment. Sergeant Laue has enjoyed her work in the WAC, and says she may decide to remain in the Army if the bill making the WAC a part of the Regular Army is passed.

In her leisure time Sergeant Laue enjoys hiking and reading; the theatre and concerts.

Traitor: Any California doctor advising a change of climate for his patients.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

From time to time suggestions are submitted by the patients and we think it is always in order to suggest improvements which may be of benefit to all.

A recent suggestion that combat wounded patients be segregated from other patients does not appear to meet with the above requirement. Patients are assigned to wards for treatment in keeping with their illness or injury and that is the sole basis for any segregation.

Ardel Hogrefe of ward E-1 was announcing in advance, not so long ago, that he was about to become the father of a son. But these predictions don't always come true, and on July 2 the Hogrefes became the parents of Ardella Francine, who shares both her father's and mother's names. Ardel proved himself a capable father by going home to Marin City on furlough and taking care of his other two children while Mrs. Hogrefe was a patient here at the hospital.

Andrew Arnold of ward B-2 has only 19 months to go to complete 20 years in the Army, and he's looking forward to that happy day. He was overseas four years, from 1940 to 1944, and was bound for another trip, to Korea, when he came to the hospital. He says he hopes he'll still be sent there to join his outfit when he gets out of the hospital.

Beginning Monday 4 August the business hours for the Main Exchange at Letterman will be from 0815 to 1615 Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 0815 to 1200.

Everett Call, a patient on ward E-1, is from Brooklyn, N. Y., but he came to Letterman by way of Tokyo and Korea. This is his first time in California, and he's anxious for the day when he'll be well enough to get out of his wheelchair and start explorations. When Everett was in Korea he was about to spend 2000 yen for a camera, but he was hospitalized before he had a chance to commit this extravagance, and was mighty glad of it when he saw the same camera advertised in a San Francisco paper for only \$3.47. At present he's thinking about—perhaps—re-enlisting in the Army when the time comes. He'd like to go to Hawaii next time, he says.

Walter Howes of ward E-1 says the discussion group held every second Thursday evening on the ward is still going strong. Last Thursday

the speaker was Sidney Roger, radio commentator. The group didn't have any special subject scheduled for discussion, but they covered a lot of territory, and talked about Henry Wallace and his ideas, the Marshall plan, the Truman doctrine and the Indonesian situation. Members of the discussion group who took part last week were Robert Trask, Emily Mueller, Dorothy Johnson, Herschel Phillips, Ruth Wall, Homer Johnson, Aileen Lasse, Sidney Hosking, John Ford, Walter Haneberg, Alfred Fraggaro, Walter Herrera, Tokko Fukuchi and Walter Howes.

The San Francisco Squadron of the Army Air Forces Association will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the organization of the Army Air Forces with a dance to be held this evening in the Terrace Room of the Fairmont Hotel where Larry Cannon's orchestra will furnish the music for dancing from 2100 to 0100.

Radio repair was in full swing one afternoon this week on ward B-2, where Clarence Weber was happily tearing down a radio so Herman Giles could put it together again—the right way. Report does not say whether or not there were any parts left over after the operation, but the main thing is, the radio worked.

Charles Kahman of Chicago and Howard Murphy of Ogden, Utah are both attending summer session at San Francisco Junior College. Both are patients on ward B-2, and since their beds are side by side they have plenty of opportunity to talk over their courses. Charles is taking

Confederate Army
Recognized at Last

Washington (AFPS)—Fighting traditions of the old South will be upheld by regiments of the Southern National Guard in the future, Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, chief of the National Guard Bureau has announced. Southern units now will carry battle streamers denoting service with the Confederate Army on their color guidons.

"Authorization for the battle streamers," Gen. Miltonberger said, "would give visual evidence of the traditions of these Southern regiments which now join with the National Guard of all the states in making this country strong and secure." The bill authorizing the new decorations was introduced into Congress by Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland.

ON THE SPOT



GABRIEL FLORES
Private First Class

Pfc. Gabriel Flores, who is now a patient at Letterman for the second time since his return from overseas, is a native of Los Angeles, and wouldn't mind a bit being back there, though he admits that San Francisco has its advantages.

He has been in the Army since July 1943, when he was inducted at Los Angeles. He then went to Camp Hood, Texas, for training with a tank destroyer outfit, and after five months there was sent to Fort Ord. He went overseas in April 1944, and joined the 25th Infantry Division in New Caledonia. He served there and at Guadalcanal and on Luzon.

In April 1945, while still on Luzon, he was wounded in combat, and upon his return to the States was hospitalized briefly at Letterman again about two months ago.

Since he has been here, Gabriel (who is better known by his nickname of Tybro) has done a good deal of work in the ceramics department, making several bowls and vases and recently completing a wishing well.

Tybro wants to go into business when he returns to civilian life. He says he has several possibilities in mind, but may decide on photography. His choice depends on the extent of recovery of his injured right hand.

"Henry, one of those ducks you were shooting yesterday called this afternoon and left her telephone number."

German, second year college level, and California history. He wants to major in medicine, and perhaps do medical research when he finishes. Howard is studying English and Psychology, and is particularly enjoying the reading he is doing for his English course.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Ruth Farley was welcomed to Letterman last week when she transferred from the Presidio Station Dispensary to the Dental Clinic X-ray department. Ruth was with the Army at Dibble General Hospital and at McCornack in Pasadena before coming to the Presidio.

The sympathy of his co-workers at LGH is extended to Joseph A. Schick of the Pharmacy, whose father died suddenly last Sunday.

The War Department has announced the policy that short rest periods will be given only when of positive benefit to the service. Such periods may be granted only by special authority of the Commanding Officer. Regular morning and afternoon rest periods each day did not in the past contribute to any increased efficiency in this hospital. The previously announced policy of 16 April that such rest periods will be discontinued will remain in effect.

James R. Shults, formerly of Medical Supply, is now in the Record Room. Mr. Shults is an Army veteran with five years service, of which nineteen months was spent in the South Pacific.

New employees recently welcomed to Letterman are Grace Davis, X-ray Laboratory; Edward Garzero, Separation Section; and three ward attendants, Otto Lamb, Della Hale and Blanche LaBlanc.

Marjorie Hecht of Information Office recently enjoyed a week's vacation at Pacific Grove.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic is back at her desk after a nice long vacation, during part of which she entertained her cousin from Los Angeles.

A welcome was extended to Alfred Glaser who recently began work as laboratory technician in the Dental Clinic.

Gordon Sauers, who welcomed home his wife and new daughter from the hospital last week, is busy these days learning the duties of fatherhood. The baby, who has been named Susan, was born 16 July.

Annette Feller of ward S-1 divided her two-week vacation between the city and the seaside, spending a week in San Francisco and a week in Santa Cruz, and enjoying both of them very much.

There are immediate openings here at the hospital for five clerk-stenographers.

JULIE V. MIXED DANCING AND DIETETICS ON OVERSEAS DUTY



First Lieut. JULIE V. SKELLCHOCK, MDD
Recently joined the dietitians' staff at LGH

"When people are puzzled about how to pronounce my name," says Lieutenant Julie Skellchock, "and they almost always are, I tell them it's just like shellshock with a 'k'." However, even this simple explanation doesn't always work, so she's accustomed to almost any variation in the way of pronunciation. And just to avoid such variation, we shall herein refer to her as Julie.

Julie is the newest member of the dietitians' staff at Letterman, having arrived last week, shortly after re-enlisting in the Army. She asked for a West Coast assignment, and the request was satisfactorily granted.

She was born in Douglas, Arizona, but grew up in Lansford, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, '43, and received her training as a dietitian at Cornell Medical Center, New York. In August 1944, after finishing at Cornell, she entered the Army, and was sent to England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J., for basic training. After several months at Battey General Hospital in Rome, Georgia, she went overseas in March 1945, and was on overseas duty for more than two years, until April

1947.

While overseas she served at Scofield Barracks on Oahu, then went to Saipan, and later to Guam. When she returned to the States this spring, she received her discharge. Then in July she decided to re-enlist because of the shortage of dietitians in the Army.

"I was so anxious to get back home I didn't realize how much I had liked my overseas duty until I was back in the United States," says Julie. While she was in the Hawaiian Islands she became an expert at the hula, and is the possessor of a grass skirt. That is, it looks like a grass skirt, and behaves like a grass skirt, but is made of nylon, being a strictly modern model.

Julie had four years concert work in dancing while she was in college, but went from dancing to dietetics without a pang. She also at one time thought of being a commercial artist, but turned that ambition into a hobby instead, and now works in water color, tempera and oils for her own and her friends' diversion.

Her favorite sport is swimming, and she enjoys the theatre, and particularly likes making new friends, which she calls "socializing."



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson, a girl, **Delores Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 12 ounces, born 20 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Harry L. Swan, a girl, **Linda Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 21 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lemar Huntley, a boy, **Dennis LeMar**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 22 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lee A. Dexter, a girl, **Rosa Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 22 July.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard Speers, a boy, **Richard Lynn**, born 23 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Berkely Williams, a boy, **Stanley Venable**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 25 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. C. R. Thomas, a girl, **Diana Kay**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 28 July.

Softball

The Letterman Softball Team wound up the first half of the Army-Navy Bay Area Softball League with an impressive 6-5 win over Fort Scott on the 19th day of July. This victory placed the Letterman team second in league standings with five wins and two defeats.

Letterman got off to a flying start in the second half of the league with a hard fought 3-2 win over Oakland Army Base. The team played an exhibition game at the detachment picnic Sunday at Boyes Springs against a Physical Reconditioning team from this hospital led by Sergeant Hicks. The Letterman regulars won the game by a score of 18-7. Monday afternoon, Letterman went out to Treasure Island to play a team from the 12th Naval District and won the game 19-5.

"What kind of dress did Betty wear to the party last night?"

"I don't remember—I think it was checked."

"Boy, that must have been some party."

Did you hear about the deaf and dumb guy who went into a bicycle store and picked up a wheel and spoke?

MEDICAL DETACH

The Medical Detachment picnic held Sunday at Boyes Springs in honor of the 172nd Medical Department anniversary was a big success, judging from the reports of those who attended. Good food, sports, prizes and plenty of diversion made it a full day of fun.

Cpl. Gene Bowsher of Finance and T/5 Rex Parker of Enlisted Pay Section covered a lot of territory on their recent three-day pass, visiting Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, Clear Lake and Calistoga.

A trip to Hollywood to visit friends and see celebrities is next on the travel schedule of T/4 James E. Arnold of Special Services.

Modesto is the destination of M/Sgt. Walter L. Belyeu of the X-ray laboratory this week end.

Good luck to Pfc. Wilbur Monson of Information Office. House-hunting is his mission on a forthcoming three-day pass.

Pfc. William Smith was on emergency furlough last week end in order to be with his mother, who underwent an operation.

M/Sgt. Emon Parker will spend his 30-day furlough right here in San Francisco, and expects to find plenty to do and to see.

T/4 Ralph Cassey of X-ray Laboratory will look the educational situation over during his three-day pass this week end. He will visit San Jose State College.

Pfc. Robert Gibson of Information Office will exchange Army surroundings for more Army surroundings during his three-day pass. He plans to go to Fort Ord.

Los Angeles has been the destination recently for four members of the detachment on three-day passes: Pfc. Bruce Dryer of Information Office; Pvt. Billy Singley, Military Police; Cpl. Charles Catterlin, Educational Reconditioning, and Pfc. Gerald McDonald, Information Office.

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes and his inevitable cigars visited relatives in Texas during a recent furlough.

T/4 Henry Walter of the Operating Room went to Mill Valley on a three-day pass to spend the time with relatives who are here from North Dakota.

A midshipman wandered into a tennis tournament and sad down. "Whose game?" he asked.

A shy young thing next to him looked up coyly. "I am," she cooed.

THE LADIES—BLESS 'EM—GET A BREAK IN THEIR NEW WARD OFFICER



Colonel DANIEL J. SHEEHAN, MC
Ward Officer, Ward G-1

It is traditional that there is a rapid increase in the pulse rate on a women's ward when a tall, dark, and handsome medical officer takes over the administration of the ward. There was no exception to the rule when Colonel Daniel J. Sheehan was assigned recently to the women's medical ward G-1. The colonel is Irish in addition to being T. D. & H. and that comes very close to a double—and in spades.

Colonel Sheehan is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a graduate of the Ohio State University Medical School. That college of learning turns out good doctors as well as good football players and the colonel could qualify in both categories. He joined the army by way of a medical internship at Walter Reed General Hospital in 1936 and was commissioned in the Medical Corps a year later. In 1938 he took the course at the Army Medical School then at Carlisle Barracks and followed with two years of duty at William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas.

As the war clouds began to gather in 1941 Colonel Sheehan was assigned to the office of the Surgeon

General with specific duty in the training section and in March 1943 he assumed command of the 56th General Hospital which he took overseas to the ETO in September of the same year. When the shooting war was over the colonel joined the staff of the Chief Surgeon, ETO, Major General Paul W. Hawley, and remained on that duty until he returned to the United States in May 1945.

He came to Letterman in July of last year to participate in the newly organized training program for medical officers and is taking a residency course in internal medicine. He wears the Legion of Merit for his efficiency in command of the 56th General Hospital and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for his work as Chief of Operations of the Chief Surgeon, ETO.

In 1937 Colonel Sheehan was married to Miss Edith Brawley, of Columbus—a home town girl. They have no children.

The pulse rate on G-1 is slowly getting back to normal and the health rate is rising to the satisfaction of patients and staff.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Despite the fact that we hear of large enrollments in all colleges in the United States, there are many that are still accepting students for the fall term. While it might not be possible to enroll in the college of your choice, you can get started in some other school and transfer later. Many small colleges and a few large ones are still accepting applications. In several states emergency colleges have been set up for the express purpose of taking students who wish to begin using the benefits of the G I Bill now. It is so much better to begin immediately after discharge than to wait a year or two when you might be well established in a job.

You may pursue any course at any school approved by the Veterans Administration, provided that you are able to meet the academic requirements of that school. The colleges are making every effort to admit as many students as possible in order that each veteran may fully realize the benefits to which he is entitled.

In the Educational Reconditioning office there are hundreds of current college catalogs. Many of these have separate sections entitled "Veterans Information." They are there for your use.

Besides the catalogs, the Educational Reconditioning section has an excellent Vocational Kit. They have valuable information on about 300 job fields. Occupational Briefs are also available for distribution to those interested in specific jobs. The briefs will tell you exactly what preparation is necessary for a large number of jobs, and will also tell where to write for more details. In some cases colleges that specialize in certain fields are listed in the briefs.

If you hope to start college this fall, be sure to make arrangements just as soon as possible. Even if you do not plan to start until next year, it is wise to start checking on entrance requirements. Perhaps there's some subject that you can study now in order to qualify for admission.

Educational Reconditioning personnel will help you with your educational problems, Building 1039, downstairs, Ext. 4403.

"Doctor, this is Mr. Smith. My wife has dislocated her jaw, and can't talk. If you are out this way within the next week or two you might drop in."



By Sgt. Dave Markson

(AFPS)—When Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano fi't the battle o' New York last summer, the walls came tumbling down. Those walls fell all over Tony for five rounds, but in the sixth he picked up one of the bricks, tossed it at Rocky's solar plexus and gave the whole business a Hollywood finish. Then Graziano, the true lower Second Avenue sportsman, bitterly acknowledged, "That guy could lick me any day of the week."

The "any day of the week" was Wednesday, July 16. But Rocky, who has a short memory, had forgotten his acknowledgment—"that guy could lick me." He boasted the day before the fight, "I'll beat his (Zale's) brains out and be middle-weight champion of the whole damn world, even without a New York license."

Rocky's contradictory statements were remindful of Ralph Waldo Emerson, quite a contradictory penman, although Graziano never read any essays. Yet they smacked of more truth than poetry. Rocky almost did beat Zale's brains out and any man who whips a Tony Zale as decisively as Graziano did is definitely middleweight champion of the world. The reader may see George Abrams, Billy Soose or Al Hostak, among others, for verification. They all were mauled by the man of steel.

The fact remains, however, that the violent Mr. Graziano is champion of 47 states and the 55 governments of the United Nations. But he is not champion of New York.

Rocky lost his homestate mayhem permit after his first meeting with Zale. Some unidentified swifty, who might have been the late Bugsy Siegel for all that is known about him offered Graziano a bribe for a fight that never came off. It seems that Rocky forgot to tell Eddie Eagen, New York's boxing commissioner, about the offer for quite some time. When he did, he suddenly became a sailor without a home port—booted out of New York rings for life.

After the second Zale bout, Rocky tucked 70,000 Chicago dollars in his jeans and headed back for New York.

Now he wants to take out New York citizenship papers again, but no one knows how things will wind



LIZABETH SCOTT

Whose new picture "Desert Fury" opened this week at the Paramount, was in San Francisco for the opening, and last week visited Letterman patients on ward D-2 and E-2. Lieutenant Oliver Rajala of Special Services acted as her guide during her visit to the hospital.

up. Whether the Commissioner will consider one who never wears a tie and doesn't button his collar a desirable character is not known.

But money was made in the Chicago match. The Windy city promoters banked nearly a hundred thousand which isn't hay in Chicago. Nor hay in New York. The Twentieth Century Sporting Club has no aversion to money.

Zale wants a rubber match. Graziano's willing to fight the Indiana Hoosier for the third time. So the question for the week is: will the New York Commission go fishin' and leave the Rock on the beach, or will they reinstate the former reform school brawler so that, if and when he meets and beats Zale again, he will be champion of the world and New York at the same time?

Chatter . . . Jolly Cholly Grimm's Cub pitching corps was so badly banged up recently that he picked starters by watching to see which hurler could hold his arm over his head . . . And for the "Luck or Skill?" Department the World-

Telegram announces that in its hole-in-one contests, four aces have been made in some 41,525 tries . . . A house of Commons debate of late indicates that there will be no extra rations for Olympic athletes, British or otherwise, in 1948 . . .

Seven Yank regulars hit over 300 in the club's recent string of 19 straight victories . . . And the Giants had 118 four masters at the half way mark. The major league record is but 182 . . . Nomination for the headline of the year: "Pirates Trump King, 7-1, With Discarded Queen." That would be pitchers Clyde King (Brooklyn) and Mel Queen (Pittsburgh), but what ever happened to Ace Adams?

Two drunks polishing off their fifteenth round of drinks, climbed into their car and sped away.

After a time one remarked:

"We're getting closer to Camp Lee."

"Zat sho? How do you know?"

"We're hitting more soldiers."

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: "I obtained a GI home loan in June, 1945, and now would like to know if I may obtain a further loan guarantee under the amended GI Bill?"

Answer: Yes. Evidently your loan guaranty under the original GI Bill was \$2,000. Since the act was amended in December, 1945, you are eligible for a further VA guarantee of \$2,000 on a real estate loan, or \$1,000 on a business or non-real estate loan.

Question: "Am I eligible to receive pension or compensation if I signed a statement at the time of my discharge saying that my disability existed prior to my enlistment?"

Answer: Under the GI Bill, any statement of this nature which you may have made at the time of your discharge is considered null and void.

Question: In getting a guaranteed loan under the G.I. Bill, must my loan be secured by a lien?

Answer: Not invariably. Under most circumstances a lien will be required as security for a loan, but there are a few conditions under which a loan may be unsecured.

Question: Do the veteran's rights to a loan guarantee extend indefinitely?

Answer: No. A guaranty may be had if applied for within 10 years from the termination of World War II which has not been declared yet.

Question: Who is entitled to the last compensation or pension check due a veteran in event of his death?

Answer: The check received at the time of the veteran's death becomes a part of his estate. The person who bears the expense of the last sickness may apply for the burial award of \$150.

Question: I am a World War I veteran and would like to know if I can get a guaranteed loan under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G.I. Bill).

Answer: No. Benefits of the act are for World War II veterans only.

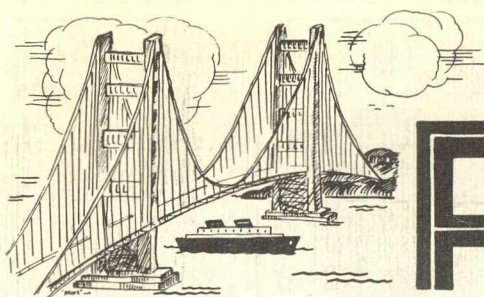
"Thank Heaven, that misery's over!"

"What misery, pal?"

"Dancing wit hthe hostess. Have you been through it yet?"

"Don't have to; I'm the host."

"Oh, here's the place mother told me to stay away from—I thought



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Surgeon General to Visit Letterman This Week

The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, accompanied by Lieut. Colonel Howard W. Glascock, MC., officer in charge of residency training in the training division of the office of the Surgeon General, Lieut. Colonel Mary G. Phillips, ANC, Assistant Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, and two British medical liaison officers are expected to arrive in San Francisco on Monday afternoon for a brief visit of inspection at this hospital.

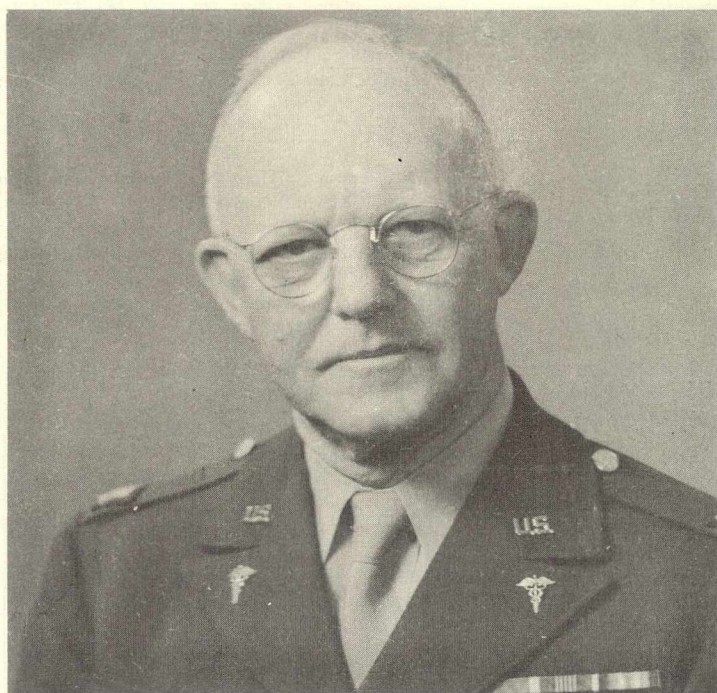
The Surgeon General and his party left Washington by air on Thursday morning and proceeded to the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where General Bliss presented diplomas to graduates of the Army Medical School on Friday morning. 15 of the graduates have been ordered to Letterman for station.

The official party will leave San Antonio on Sunday morning for El Paso, Texas, and a visit to William Beaumont General Hospital with an overnight stay. The party will leave El Paso on Monday for a direct flight to San Francisco.

This will be General Bliss's first visit to Letterman since he assumed the position of Surgeon General in June although he had been a frequent visitor here during his tenure of office as Deputy Surgeon General and prior to that as Chief of the Hospital Division.

Lieut. Colonel Phillips has also made several prior visits to Letterman during the war years and she is prominently mentioned as the successor to the retiring Superintendent of Nurses, Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield.

The itinerary calls for departure from San Francisco on Thursday en route to Denver for a visit to Fitzsimons General Hospital before returning to Washington.



Colonel DEAN F. WINN, M.C.
Commanding Officer

Congratulations to The Fog Horn upon its sixth anniversary. Each week it has continued to maintain the high standard of excellency set for it by its founder, Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt. Each week it has added its bit to the interest and morale of the patients and duty personnel alike.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the editorial staff for a job well done.

D. F. WINN
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

Local Press Lauds Foghorn on Sixth Anniversary

It is with pleasure that we publish here the message of congratulations which have come to us from our big brothers—the newspapers of San Francisco. We have striven in a small way to emulate their standards in journalism and we are happy to have their approbation.

The San Francisco "Examiner" is pleased to join in extending congratulations to the FOGHORN on its sixth birthday. We have watched its growth with a fraternal interest and share in the pleasure emanating from its successful service to the patients at Letterman General Hospital. We appreciate the cheerful co-operation maintained by the FOGHORN staff with the men who man the "Examiner." We wish a long and useful life to the FOGHORN.

JOSUA EPPINGER, Jr.
Executive City Editor
San Francisco "Examiner"

We are happy to offer congratulations to the staff of the FOGHORN on its Sixth Anniversary.

You fellows have really done a swell job, particularly in view of the many handicaps under which you have sometimes had to work. We on the "Chronicle" are all aware of the courage and initiative you have demonstrated, and we would like to thank you for the wonderful co-operation we have always received from the FOGHORN staff.

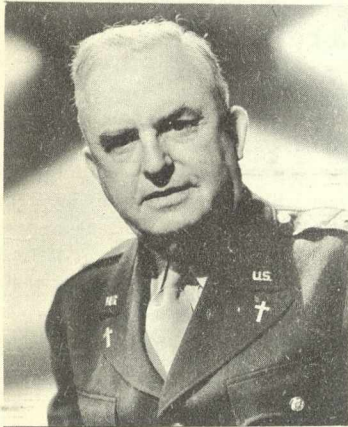
We hope the FOGHORN will continue publication for many years to come.

JOHN BRUCE
City Editor
San Francisco "Chronicle"

There was never a six-year-old who wasn't chock-full of life, and from where I sit it looks as if Letterman (Continued on Page 4)

Foghorn Completes Six Years of Service to Letterman

Six years ago this week the FOGHORN came into being by order of Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, who was at that time the Commanding General at Letterman. Every week since that time the paper has come out on schedule and has never missed an issue although there were occasions during the shooting war years when the margin was very narrow.



Editor

In its long life—for a post newspaper—it has become very much a part of the life at Letterman and when the printer is as much as a half hour late in delivering the week's issue the mounting queries from all sections is an evidence of the place it holds in the interests of our patients and personnel.

It has chronicled the major events taking place in the hospital and listed the important people who have passed this way. Each week some of the folk behind the scenes have been written up for the information of us all and the pardonable gratification of the individual brought out from hiding.

Unlike most army newspapers the FOGHORN carries no names at the masthead. It is published by and for the patients and duty personnel and the people who get out the paper are of the opinion that it is good policy to mention no names. Not that we fear the personal wrath of our readers since we never write anything that is calculated to arouse the wrath of our readers.

The paper is unique in that it has had the same editor since it was founded. He has outworn or outlasted a whole string of assistants but like Tennyson's brook he goes on forever—or so it seems. He has grown gray in the service of the publication and has lost considerable

hair in making his assistants meet the regularly recurring deadline.

His current assistant editor is Mrs. Mary McFadden, who has been on the staff for more than a year. Her desk is decorated with a rolling pin nameplate which should not be taken as an evidence of pugnacity, for despite her fighting Irish name she is the most mild mannered of women. Her job is to write the feature stories, collect items for the several "columns" dedicated to the personnel of the post and the chatter of the patients. She makes up the "dummy" and one afternoon each week drives down to South San Francisco to assist in making out the paper, and being a civilian



Assistant

employee she escapes the details of distribution on Saturday mornings but comes in early Monday morning to start the grind for the next issue.

There is a lot of "copy" gathered for the eight pages and the task of putting it into legible condition falls to the "Queen of the Copy Desk," Mrs. Rebecca Garcia, who is well in her second year on the job and knows all the angles of preparing copy for the typesetters. Tuesday is her "bad" day as the last mail out is the deadline for copy and the Queen pounds her typewriter until the smoke pours out from the carriage bearings. Even when swamped with copy she maintains her gracious attitude toward all who enter the "sanctum" with queries and problems and her demeanor would never imply that at the moment her nimble fingers are itching to get back to the keyboard.

Being an unusual young person, Mrs. Garcia volunteers to come in on Saturday morning and supervise the distribution of the paper to the wards and offices. She has devised

a system that enables her to finish the task before eleven o'clock and everyone may have his FOGHORN before lunch time. Whether it affects the appetite—we cannot say.

Our Factotum—Man of All Work, to you—is Technician Fifth Grade Russell H. Vizzi, the "Pride of Passaic" with a particular penchant for patter. He will start talking at the drop of the hat, or even if you hold on to your hat—and the latter is recommended. In addition to his other duties he can fix anything from a cigarette lighter to a model airplane motor and he is right at home in a machine shop — when they will let him in.

He has been in the army since June of 1946 and came to Letterman in October last and joined the FOGHORN staff after a few weeks in residence. He is the "Winged Mercury" of the office and runs errands with lightning speed, picks up the photos from the lab, chases down the mail, and does his share



Copyqueen

of the distribution on Saturday mornings. These days he is doing a bit of practice on the typewriter and hopes to develop a style that will turn him into a regular contributor to the editorial output.

He is a licensed pilot and flies everytime he can scrape together the rental fee for a small plane. He usually gets back to the airfield in one piece and up to now has had only one forced landing; picked Clear Lake as the spot to land until dawn broke. Don't ask him about it unless you have plenty of time on your hands.

From its inception the FOGHORN has been printed by the Enterprise Press — Logan Franklin, Prop. — in South San Francisco. The proprietor himself and his handy man, Mr. Ems McClung, worked in the early

days at the job of getting out the paper on time. Then Mr. McClung went off to the wars and worked himself up to be a top sergeant in an anti aircraft outfit and after that he did not have to work. While he was "over there" Mr. Franklin was our dependable standby until the shooting stopped and the boys came home, "Mac" with them.

It is a moot question these days just who works on getting out the paper at the printing plant. Mr. Franklin feels that he has earned the right to a game of golf occasionally and, being the boss, he exercises that right. Mr. McClung, as a veteran, feels that he has certain rights but so far as we can find out has not yet convinced Mr. Franklin. We who write up the copy for the paper are in the middle and do nothing to invoke a show of strength between Mac and his boss. We would like to give both a pat on the back for never letting us down during the six years of the life of this paper.

The FOGHORN, as we have said, was founded on instruction of Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, who was the commanding general at Letterman in 1941. It was supported in an active manner by his successor, the late Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, who was in com-



Factotum

mand 1942-1944. When Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman assumed command in 1944 he was already familiar with the paper as he had been a reader from the start and took a personal interest in the project all during his tour of command.

Colonel Dean F. Winn, who assumed command of Letterman in December of last year, has followed in the path of predecessors in generous support of the FOGHORN.

Medical Department Heads Send Congratulations



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army



Brigadier General GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
The Deputy Surgeon General of the Army

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. ARMY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C."

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON

18 July 1947.

30 July 1947.
To The Editor of the Foghorn,
Please accept my
sincere congratulations on your sixth
anniversary. We are all justly proud of
Letterman. The excellence of the Foghorn
reflects great credit on its Editorial Staff
and on your hospital.
Happy birthday.

R. W. Bliss
Major General
The Surgeon General U.S.A.

The Commanding Officer
Letterman General Hospital
San Francisco, California

My dear Colonel:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend to
the editor and staff of the Letterman General Hospital publication
the "FOGHORN" my sincere congratulations on the occasion of its
sixth anniversary. I know this paper has brought much satisfaction
and pleasure to many in the past and will continue to do so for many
years to come. My very best wishes for its continued success.

Most sincerely,

George E. Armstrong
GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
Brig. General, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

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EDITORIAL

SIX YEARS

With this issue the FOGHORN completes six years of service to the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital.

The paper was started in August 1941 when the war clouds were gathering as a medium for the dissemination of information and local news items to the sick and injured of the growing army who came here for hospitalization. With actual hostilities came the wounded men from the battle fields of the Pacific and as they passed through our portals en route to the hospitals nearer their homes the FOGHORN chronicled the home side news and told about the more heroic deeds achieved by them.

Literally thousands of war sick and wounded came to know the FOGHORN as their paper at the first stop on the homeward journey. Its columns will preserve for posterity the contributions of those same men in the defense of our land.

Now that peace has returned the FOGHORN will continue to serve the interests of our patients and personnel. The short and simple annals of the men and women on the Letterman staff make pleasant reading for all of us.

The task of getting out the paper each week has been a congenial avocation for the editorial staff. It is a full time job for no one and extra duty for every one. Its reception by our

WAC

Someone sent in a query recently to ask how many WAC officers were still on the roster at Letterman and fingers were brought into play to count the ladies and there were enough fingers to go around.

The dean of the group is Captain Frances V. Peterson, long time Personal Affairs officer, now assistant to the Director of Personnel. Captain Minnie L. Young is Chief of Classification Assignment Section and parsimoniously deals out the people who do the work around here.

Captain Margaret N. Lassiter is buried in the Baggage Room while Captain Marion B. Chapin cherishes her "chicks" in role of C.O. for the WAC detachment. Captain Alice L. Dahnke successfully seeks seclusion as administrative assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service.

First Lieutenant Frances E. Harlee is Chief of Education Reconditioning Branch and First Lieutenant Mary C. Cass retains contact with reality in her assignment as administrative assistant to the Chief of Neuropsychopathic Service.

First Lieutenant Margaret A. Kimpton is at this time recuperating from a bout with the surgeons but has a job as Assistant Chief, Separation Branch. First Lieutenant Frances M. Pleasants holds the title of Assistant to the Chief of the Supply Branch and First Lieutenant Adele L. Duke is the assistant Chief of Education's Reconditioning Branch.

To make a long story short there are 10 WAC officers still on duty here.

On leave this week from the Detachment are T/3 Agda Johnson, T/3 Dorcas Rosenfeld, and T/4 Marjorie May.

Master Sergeant Opal G. Glenn reports spending a wonderful week end at the Russian River camping out but the snakes were not so wonderful.

Master Sergeant Stella Watras is wearing a "ring"—and with our best wishes.

Birthdays came around again this week for Staff Sgt. Margaret Drescher and T/5 Martha Shortle.

readers has been most gratifying.

We are prepared to continue for another six, or sixty, years.



The deadline for acceptance of applications for commissions in the Army Nurse Corps of the regular army has been extended to 30 September.

Leaves of absence are the order of the day. Lieut. Lorraine Greenough has gone to Tacoma, Wash., Captain Cecelia Romeyn will tarry at Seattle, Wash., for 15 days prior to reporting at her new station—Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., and Lieut. Otella Howland was called to her home in Albert Lea, Minn., because of serious illness of her father.

Lieut. Helen Martin left a hospital ward for duty, and Lieut. Virginia Peterson left us to become a housewife, while Lieut. Virginia Bridgey just left us for civilian life.

Lieuts. Alice Warner and Mary M. Chesmer joined us from their former station—147th General Hospital—in Honolulu. They brought with them a vivid description of the "big" diamond Lieut. Ann Bakalar, former Lettermanite, received down there when her engagement was announced. The man in the case is a former patient at Letterman. One romance that really culminated.

Captain Helen C. MacLean, Chief Dietitian, has been transferred to Fort Bragg, N. C., and her place taken by Captain Wilma Richardson from McCracken General Hospital at Pasadena.

Lieut. Jean D. Iverson became the bride of Lieut. Colonel R. L. Hullinghorst at a ceremony held in the Post Chapel at the Presidio on Thursday of last week.

The major who once begged "choongum" now is asking for double icecream cones. But only on hot afternoons.

And some one wants to know—Why the sparkle in Lieut. Gertrude Heller's eye of late?

Lieut. Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Asst. Superintendent of A.N.C. will be a visitor at the Nurse's Quarters the early part of next week.

No news from the PTs as we gallop to press and the OTs are just as silent.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 10 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

MORE ABOUT LOCAL PRESS

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terman's "FOGHORN" is no exception.

Please pass on to the FOGHORN'S staff my congratulations for a dog-gone fine little paper just celebrating its sixth anniversary.

And please, may I and the staff of The San Francisco "News" extend our thanks for the grand cooperation we've always received from the folks at Letterman Hospital.

ROBERT (PETE) LEE
City Editor
San Francisco "News"

May I join the many in congratulating you and the staff of the FOGHORN on the completion of six years' splendid service by the publication.

Not only has the FOGHORN proven to be a vital source of information for the men at Letterman, but it has been a publication from which The "Call-Bulletin" has derived a number of interesting articles.

My best wishes for the future success of the FOGHORN.

CHARLES PEARCE
City Editor

San Francisco "Call-Bulletin"

Promotions

To be first lieutenants—Irene C. Blochberger, Aller M. Crowell, Thelma Crowell, Anna M. Hackett, Emilie K. Jensen, Marguerite M. Klein, Blanche M. McAndrews, Avis O. Meeks, Mollie A. Peterson, Helen A. Stack, Mary M. Steppan, Ruth M. Stoltz, Frances P. Thorp, Madeline M. Ullon and Marguerite A. Yeager.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARJORIE T. BURNS
Technician Third Grade

It seems they tease Sergeant Marjorie Burns about her Boston accent, but since she was born there, she's certainly entitled to a few broad "a's" and a few missing "r's." In fact, accents, like distance, lend enchantment.

Marjorie was doing stenographic work for the Carter Ink Company before uniforms and stripes became a part of her life. When the WACs were recruiting personnel for the Medical Department, she decided to leave Boston to its own devices and enlisted. With due patriotic regard (or maybe it just happened that way) she was sworn in on the birthday of George Washington, 22 February 1945. She was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training, and also received medical technician training there. Her first duty station was Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Massachusetts, where she remained until September, 1946. While there she was assigned to the gym, where she worked with paralytic patients.

Since coming to Letterman last Fall she has been doing clerical work in the Registrar's Office.

Marjorie, who is also known as "Marge" and "Midge" likes hiking and swimming, and likes to travel. In fact, when she leaves the Army, which will be next June, she plans to do some traveling before she settles down to civilian life again.

She's hoping for a furlough in September, and wants to go swimming at Cape Cod and visit the curio shops in Provincetown. She likes the West Coast, but she does get a bit homesick at times for those Eastern beaches with their white sand.

Never marry on Sunday, it's not right to gamble on the Sabbath.

Warmin' the Bench

By SGT. DAVE MARKSON

(AFPS)—You can never tell about baseball.

When Ralph Kiner was 20 years old and in his second season of organized ball with the Albany, N. Y., Senators he hit only 14 home runs. But Albany is in the Eastern League and the Eastern has always been a pitcher's league so 14 were more than enough to lead the loop.

In 1943 Kiner played 43 games with Toronto in the International circuit before going into the service. He was hitting .236 and was only 21 points below what he had hit with Albany the year before.

They let him out of the Navy Air Corps in time to play a full season with the Pittsburgh Pirates last summer. According to the record he actually should have gone to the minors for a few more summers, but he stuck and won the home run championship by default when John Mize hurt his wrist at the end of the season. He hit 23 four-masters and that was enough to tie the all-time Pirate record.

Johnny Rizzo owned the record Kiner tied. Rizzo, too, had been a rookie when he did his hitting. That was less than 10 years ago yet Johnny already is gone and forgotten as far as the majors are concerned. Most experts just kid about the "sophomore jinx," but there were a lot who looked at the records and said that Kiner wouldn't last. He had hit only .247.

And a lot of those experts were saying "I told you so" when he went through all of April and May of this season with only three homers. His average was as low as ever and manager Billy Herman figured that he had another one-year-wonder on his hands. Guys were comparing him to Rizzo and Elmer Riddle and others who played one good year and then faded.

But Kiner's room-mate, Hank Greenberg, decided that Kiner wasn't just another flash-in-the-pan and he started working with the kid. In the month of June he was the hottest thing in the National League. He hit 14 homers, four less than the record for one month, and by mid-season he was going at a pace that would give him more than Ted Williams ever hit in one year. He was driving in runs with a last place club and his batting average was up in the "Big Six."

Only Mize had hit more out of the park than Kiner at the half-way mark, and John is ten years older than Ralph and may have trouble when fall drags in.

Billy Sullivan claims that Kiner hits the longest ball he ever saw. And a lot of those experts have changed their tunes and are saying that if Babe Ruth's mark of 60 is ever smashed Kiner is the kid to smash it.

But then again he may stop hitting and wind up back in the minors. We doubt it, but you can never tell.

CHATTER . . . Some joker has invented a public address system with the mike attached to the umpire's mask so the fans can hear the balls and strikes called. But we are wondering what would happen when a guy like Eddie Stanky blows his top over a decision. . . . Lou Boudreau claims that Ewell Blackwell is as good as Bobby Feller. Boudreau being Feller's manager just about makes it unanimous. . . . And they are saying that Cooper Union used to be a college until Mort joined Walker on the Giants. . . .

Buddy Young, the footballer, beat Snuffy Stirnweiss in a 60-yard dash before a Yankee game. Young was one-tenth of a second off the world's record. . . . A lot of writers are shouting over Happy Chandler's removal of Bill Corum from the All Star Game broadcast because the latter had criticized the commissioner in his column. "That," they are saying, "is dictatorial. Where does Chandler get off?" Could it be at the next election? . . . And who said that Joe Page is now a chapter?

VETERANS MAY SELECT ASSIGNMENT

Welcome news to many veterans with a hankering for the homeland is contained in a War Department directive released by General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

Authorizing direct enlistments of former members of the Armed Forces to the Sixth Army unit or installation of the veterans' choice, the new policy virtually assures one year minimum assignment to the zone of interior.

Veterans residing within the

Sixth Army area may enlist for any unit or installation which is understrength in this area, which includes the states of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. At the present time the largest unit now understrength is the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. However vacancies with smaller units exist.

The program is open to ex-servicemen discharged on or after 12

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ON THE SPOT



REGGIE VALLEZ
Private First Class

If Pfc. Reggie Vallez of ward C-2 hasn't taken your picture yet, it's probable that he'll snap you sooner or later, because taking pictures in and around the hospital is one of his major hobbies. He has accumulated a lot of interesting pictures of Letterman personalities. However, one of his most prized pictures is a specially autographed one of a Hollywood personality — Dinah Shore. Reggie met her when he was a patient at Bushnell General Hospital, and has not only her picture but also a personal letter from her thanking him for a gift he sent her — one of the clever yarn dogs he made while in the hospital.

Reggie has been in the Army since March 1940, and served at Fort Ord, Camp Roberts and Camp Lewis. He was first with the Infantry, then with the 40th Field Artillery. In March 1942 he was injured in an automobile accident, and has been in Army hospitals ever since that time. He was first at Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara, then at Bushnell, and came to Letterman in June 1946.

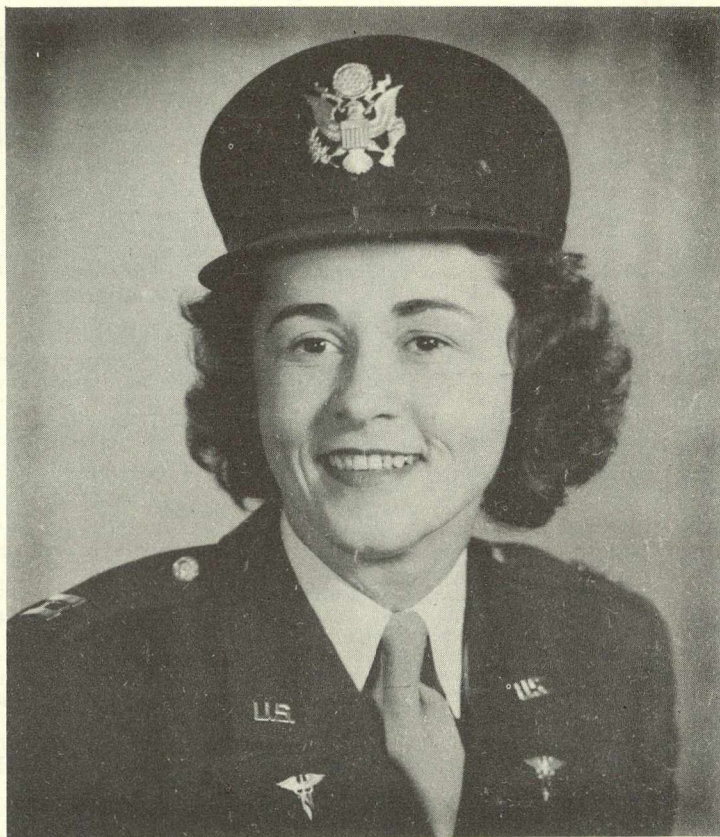
He was born in Fullerton, California, and before he entered the Army was in the trucking and contracting business. He was also a professional boxer, fighting in the welterweight class.

Since he has been in the hospital Reggie has put his time to good use in the Educational Reconditioning program, and is at present taking an English course. He has learned leatherwork in Occupational Therapy, and has continued turning out the yarn animals he began at Bushnell. He plans on going into business for himself when he leaves the hospital.

He likes boxing and wrestling matches and baseball.



CAPTAIN SANDERSON, LETTERMAN LONG TIMER, LEAVES US FOR MATRIMONY



**Captain VIRGINIA C. SANDERSON, ANC
Charge Nurse Ward B-1 But Not for Long**

Just about a month ago Captain Virginia C. Sanderson went off on a 30 day leave of absence and a week ago she returned as Mrs. Joseph T. Gailus.

When Captain Virginia C. Sanderson returned from a 30 day leave last week some of the observant patients spotted a silver band on the proper finger where wedding rings are worn and the news got around that "Sandy" was likely to be a "short timer."

The captain has been around here a long time as tours go and she is probably the nurse with the longest service at Letterman at this time.

Captain Sanderson is a native of Whately, Massachusetts, and a graduate of the Springfield Hospital Training School for Nurses where she finished her course in 1939 and stayed on as assistant night supervisor until she came into the army in June 1941. Her first station was at Camp Blanding, Florida, where she remained until May 1943 and assignment to the 210th General Hospital at Balboa, Canal Zone. After 18 months in Panama she came

back to the States and was stationed at Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia.

It was in September 1944 that she came to Letterman destined to be the "oldest timer" on the staff. Her first duty here was charge nurse on C-1 where she remained until the Bataan Nurses came home in February 1945 and "Sandy" was assigned to look after them on Ward A-2 and later went down to Crissy Annex to assist with the returning male prisoners of war from the Philippines. Next followed a six months period in the Chief Nurse's office and then the United Nations Organization came to San Francisco.

Captain Sanderson was one of two nurses assigned to the dispensary at the War Memorial Building where the conference was in progress and when the session closed at the end of three months the captain went back to Washington on the special train carrying the delegates.

On her return to the army the captain was assigned as charge nurse on D-1 then opened as post operative orthopedic recovery ward

MEDICAL DETACH

Pfc. Hank Obogsky, Medical Supply, has the reputation of being the only person who can dig a foxhole with one swing of his golf club.

Leaving behind all the worries of postoffice work, Sgt. Paul Bird is enjoying a 30-day furlough in Los Angeles.

Pfc. Avirl Shirley, Provost Marshal's Office, is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents in Tennessee.

Long Beach and a 30-day furlough sounds like a good time, and that is what Pfc. Jerry Bybee of Laboratory is having.

Pvt. Ralph Janosky, Ward S-2, is spending his furlough at the home of his parents in Bangor, Michigan.

T/5 James Rachel, EENT Clinic, and Pfc. Benjamin Hefner, Dietetics, recently enjoyed leave in Los Angeles.

Taking his best girl on a picnic was one of the important items on T/5 Hugh Wallace's schedule during his three day pass.

Forgetting the woes and worries of his work, T/Sgt. William Muhic departed for a 30-day visit with relatives in Pueblo, Colorado.

Pfc. Delbert Price, Ward S-2, is spending a 10-day furlough with his family in Charleston, West Virginia.

Los Angeles will be the main stamping grounds for Pfc. Edward Lopez, Occupational Therapy, during his 15-day furlough.

Clear Lake was the scene of M/Sgt. George Guthridge's recent three day pass.

Pfc. Gerald Sitzelberger looked up old friends in Santa Rosa during his three day pass.

Pfc. George Osieczmek, Special Services, plans to visit Hollywood this coming week and hopes to catch glimpses of his favorite movie stars.

Cpl. George Abernathy, Detachment office, visited San Jose last week and reports a wonderful time.

and from that duty she went on the leave recently completed.

She was married at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to former Captain Joseph T. Gailus, one time Letterman patient, on 29 July 1947, and as soon as the separation process can be completed Mrs. Gailus will return to Tulsa in the role of housewife.

"Sandy" is a general favorite around these parts and will take with her the best wishes of everyone for a very happy married life.

Radio Show

In its eighteenth week on the air is Kate's Bedside Serenade, the variety radio program heard each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 7:30 over KLGH. The program is broadcast from the lobby of the Army YMCA, and in addition to featuring the songs of Kate Doherty, the "Kate Smith of the Presidio," presents each week a talented guest artist and a short comedy sketch. Guests on the program to be heard August 12 will be Patty and Joan, the Miller Twins. The Bedside Serenade shows are produced and directed by Dick Fernandez, and feature the comedy antics of Bob Herrick, Virginia Olson, Georgina Mayer, Bonnie Bush, and Frank Donahue. Sound effects on the show are handled by Joe Musumeci.

A new recruit was being inducted and the officer asked if he was interested in a commission. "No thanks," he replied, "I'm not too good a shot—I'd rather work on straight salary."

Then there is the story of the mountaineer who put a silencer on his shotgun because his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

CIVIL CIRCLES

During her vacation Jean Peetz of the Pathology Laboratory will visit Portland, Seattle and Victoria, British Columbia. On her return trip she will visit Crater Lake, Oregon.

We regret to hear that Helen Diez of the Record Room is on the sick list but we hope she hurries back on the road to recovery and to Letterman and her friends.

Phoenix, Arizona will be the main stop for Mary McFadden, Public Information office, during her vacation. Mary and her traveling companion, Dorcas Rosenfeld, are traveling by car and along the way they will visit all points of interest.

Marion Davis, formerly of the Receiving office, dropped in last week to visit LGH friends and to tell of her recent trip to Tennessee, where she spent a month's vacation.

With the Navy and Nebraska as the main conversation topics, Don Schwab, Radio Room, and his friend, Dr. Lelan Hines of San Jose, held a reunion at Don's home last weekend. Since they hadn't seen each other in four years they had plenty of ground to cover.

Latest reports on Mrs. Alice Thompson of the Post Exchange is that she is recuperating rapidly from her recent illness and is anxious to resume her duties at Letterman.

Richard Vowels, Pharmacy, resigned recently to enter partnership with Albert Valenti, former LGH pharmacist, and in two weeks they will open their own drug store in Milbrae. From reports heard recently it is a beautiful place.

Zita Kelly, Insurance, is back at her desk after a recent illness.

Deeply tanned and with many a tale of a wonderful vacation spent at Russian River, Esther Kleinclaus is back at her desk in the Detachment of Patients office.

Ethyl Fenn, Separation Center, is spending her vacation on a ranch near Sonoma.

A welcome is extended to the following new employees of Letterman: Rochelle Norton, Geraldine Gernes, Loraine Gustafson, Rose Dull, Evelyn Hodgkin, and Jane Lee. They are civilian nurses.

Another recent addition is Louisa Lindo, who will be in the Occupational Therapy Department.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER HAS HEARD ALL THE STORIES—OLD AND NEW



**Major PAUL W. McCoy, MAC.,
Commanding Medical Detachment**

In looking over the record we would say that the "Boss Man" of the Medical Detachment is no one to tell a tall tale to account for any sins of omission in the matter of duty.

Major Paul W. McCoy—the "Boss Man"—only has 27 years of service and knows all the answers to the critical situations and problems which have affected soldiers from the time of Ptolemy. He holds the view there is nothing new under the sun in the way of personal predicaments for recruits and those barely beyond that stage.

The major was born in Winslow, Maine, and went to school in Augusta, of the same state. He came into the army in 1920 by way of Fort Slocum and was assigned to the artillery arm for his first year of service. Took a short discharge and a year later switched over to the Medical Department where he has spent the remainder of his time in the service.

Major McCoy has seen service at Hq. First Corps Area in Boston, Fort Banks, Fort Ethan Allen, Carlisle Barracks, transport duty, and at Fort Knox. He had a three year tour of duty in the Philippines with stations at the Medical Depot and at Nichols Field. On completion of the tour he was sent back to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver where he remained until called to active duty under his reserve commission. His first assignment as an officer was to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta where he helped open and close that command. He moved over to Moore General Hospital in 1946 and helped close up that institution.

The major was promoted to captain in 1942 and a year later received his majority. He reported for duty at Letterman in January and assumed command of the Medical Detachment which he still holds.

In his free time the major is no mean golfer and promises competition to any of the staff.

Footsteps

A prescription for success, exemplified by his grandfather, Major Millard G. Greb (MAC), now stationed at Letterman General Hospital, should assure a long and healthy life for new Army Air Forces recruit Edward A. Golden, who enlisted on 23 July here at the Presidio.

Born in Philadelphia, Golden has made his home in San Francisco for many years, and is a graduate of Lowell High School. He states that he intends to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and make a career of the Army.

Softball

The Letterman softball team continued its winning ways by racking up three more wins in the past week.

The first one came against the International Longshoreman's Union, in a night game downtown. Letterman took this game by a score of 11-2. Bruce Dryer was the winning pitcher.

Fort Scott became Letterman's next victim, when they lost 9-8 in a game played at Kahn Field. Joe Surawicz, the third Letterman pitcher was credited with the win. Ed Warkoczewski provided the winning margin for Letterman with a home run in the sixth inning.

The 102nd Machine Record Unit was next on the list, and were defeated by a score of 19-2. Dryer was again the winning pitcher. He struck out nine men, and gave up only two hits.

Letterman is now tied for first place with Camp Stoneman in the Army-Navy Bay Area Softball League. Both teams have four victories and no defeats. The two teams will meet this Friday at Letterman. This is the final game of the season in this league, and will decide whether or not Letterman will get into the playoffs for the league championship.

MORE ABOUT VETERANS

May 1945 from any of the Armed Services and is open to those who apply for a three year or more enlistment term.

Further details about the enlistments and lists of understrength units may be obtained from Army recruiting offices which will be given quotas from which they are authorized to fill vacancies under the new enlistment program.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

"Accreditation" is a tongue twisting sort of word, but, is a word that is extremely important to those who intend to return to school after discharge.

Do you know that you may have been earning high school or college credit while you have been in the Army? And do you know that the Educational Reconditioning Branch here at Letterman is equipped to assist you in applying for that credit?

Early in World War II the need for a definite evaluation of educational experience during military service was foreseen, and the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) established its accreditation service. The purpose of this service is to provide the high schools and colleges with information concerning the military training and experiences of service personnel.

There was nothing to compare with this in World War I. As a result, veterans of the war received varying amounts of credit for the same kinds of work. In World War II, however, thanks to the wholehearted cooperation of civilian educators, the soldier knows where he stands educationally.

At the request of the Armed Forces, a careful study was made of a wide variety of military courses and military experiences, and an educational equivalent was worked out for almost all those which had educational value. A copy of the publication resulting from this study may be found in the E/E office in order that personnel at Letterman may check on the possible amount of credit that might be granted. Here are a few examples of recommended college credit: 3 semester hours for Physical Reconditioning School; 2 semester hours for Medical Technician School; 3 semester hours for Finance School; 3 semester hours for Photography School.

It must be remembered, however, that the actual granting of credit is decided upon by the school or college concerned. A school may grant more or less credit than that recommended. Each individual case is evaluated by the high school or college from which credit is sought.

For what kinds of work are educational credits given? There are three major categories. First there are those for formal educational op-

First Woman to Receive RA Commission



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Col. Florence A. Blanchfield, superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, receives from Gen. Eisenhower the first full commission in the Regular Army granted to a woman. Col. Blanchfield has been an Army nurse for 30 years.

portunities provided by USAFI including both classroom study and correspondence courses. Second, there are the many service schools conducted by the various branches of the services. Third, are the miscellaneous kinds of informal educational experiences that come through travel, reading, self directed study, lectures, discussions, etc.



SMILING RECRUITER—Cpl. Paul P. Chong (right), U. S. Army Salesman, convinced four of his compatriots from San Francisco's Chinatown that if the Army life was good for him it would be equally good for them. Pictured after they were sworn in at the Presidio on 31 July are (left to right) Pvt. Thomas Lee Kung, Pvt. Ronald Young, Pvt. Robert Lum and Pvt. Earl K. Gee. All signed up for a two-year period.

—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

Answering The Veterans Queries

In order to receive prompt replies to letters addressed to the Veterans Administration, veterans are urged to "write right" by fully identifying themselves.

The annual volume of mail received by VA totals more than 125,000,000 pieces, equal to the receipts of the entire city of Seattle, Washington.

The VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) with more than 1,500,000 veterans receive more than 14,000,000 pieces of mail during the 12 months ending May 31.

Each piece of incoming mail requires an answer or some administrative action. With the cases of a million and a half veterans, plus thousands of dependents, in their files it is imperative that each veteran fully identify himself when writing the VA.

If the veteran observes the following simple rules he will expedite his correspondence with VA:

1. Write only when absolutely necessary.
2. When writing, include full name, Army or Navy serial number, address and C-number (if assigned one by VA), or N-number (if letter pertains to G. I. insurance.)

Each day's mail brings some letters which defy reply. Letters are received with only the signature of "John Johnson" or "Sam Smith." There are thousands of Johnsons and Smiths in VA files.

Another letter asked VA's help in finding a wife; another veteran requested VA to help him buy candy for his retail confectioners' shop and others have bared their personal problems, ranging from domestic difficulties to job-finding troubles.

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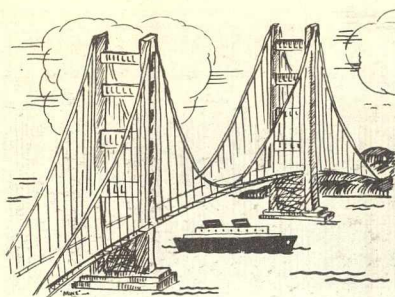
Question: I have a lender who will lend me money under the provisions of the G. I. loan, but he wants additional security. Does the law allow him to ask for security?

Answer: Yes. This is a matter between you and the lender. While Veterans Administration does not require that additional security be given, it does not object if the veteran is willing to give it.

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Question: I am a widow of a World War II veteran and I want to buy a home. Can I obtain a guarantee of loan?

Answer: No. The privilege is limited to veterans of World War II.



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Surgeon General Comments on Health Of The Army

The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, was a visitor at Letterman this week for the first time since he assumed his new office and title on 1 June.

General Bliss made a round of inspection of the facilities for the care of the sick and held informal conferences with the Chiefs of the Services. In speaking to the medical officers the general made some pertinent comments on the health of the army today, saying in part:

"The health of the Army in the United States as reflected by the rates at which troops are being admitted to sick report for disease is remarkably good at this time. In the week ending 4 July 1947 admissions for common respiratory disease and influenza reached an all-time low point for the twenty-three year period on which comparable figures are available with a rate of 34 per thousand troops per annum. During that same week an admission rate of 320 for all disease was recorded which was the lowest such rate experienced during the period from 1924 to date, except for Christmas week of three years in the '30's when rates very slightly lower were encountered. The exceptions are not considered to vitiate the comparison, however, since rates for Christmas week are often artificially low because of the large numbers of troops absent on leaves and furloughs."

"The non-battle injury rate is not as direct a measure of the health of troops as the disease rate since it may be greatly affected by administrative factors particularly those concerning training activities; it is however an important consideration in the provision of medical care to troops. The admission rates for this cause for troops in the United States for 1945 and 1946



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS, U. S. Army Surgeon General of the Army who was a Letterman visitor during the past week.

were the lowest such annual rate ever experienced."

"The current overseas experience is not entirely comparable with that of the war-time situation because of important differences in the conditions of service and in the disease hazards to which troops are exposed. It is probably of interest, however, to note that in general the present recorded rates are slightly lower than those prevailing during the war years. In May 1947 the rate of admission to hospital and quarters for all diseases for all troops overseas

was 627 as compared with 671 for the war years, for non-battle injury in May the rate was 75 as against the war-years' rate of 108. For common respiratory disease and influenza the rate was 106 in May compared with a rate of 130 for the war years."

"The number of Army patients remaining in hospital and quarters throughout the world on 30 May 1947 was 39,555. Of these, 28,727 were disease patients, 727 were non-battle injury patients, and 3,801

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President Signs Law Creating Medical Service Corps

A far reaching change in the permanent organization of the Medical Department of the Army went into effect today following President Truman's approval of legislation creating a Medical Service Corps in the regular establishment.

This legislation makes it possible for the first time to give regular Army commissions to specialists in the scores of fields now closely allied to medicine—to Bacteriologists, Entomologists, Psychologists, Sanitary Engineers, Pharmacists, Chemists, Electronics Experts and the like. These will be grouped together in a new corps under the Medical Department of the Army.

The need has been evident for a long time. Up to now the Medical Department has been made up of six corps—Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Nurse, and Womens Medical Specialists. It has been possible to commission specialists in other fields only in the reserve from which they could be called to service in a national emergency.

It became increasingly evident during the two world wars, with the enormous ramifications of medical science that came about in this period, that greater and greater reliance must be placed on these other specialists for the proper treatment of sick and wounded. They could relieve the Army Medical Corps, in which only physicians can hold commissions, of a great deal of the increasing burden of clinical laboratory and sanitary activities, psychiatric social work and clinical psychology, pharmacy, supply and hospital administration, certain phases of training and field medical service, and in special fields of research requiring specialized skills and training. Availability of the ser-

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Letterman Employee Wins Cash Award for Suggestion

A cash award for an employee suggestion was presented last week by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, to Mrs. Marjorie Hecht of the Information Office. Colonel Winn commended Mrs. Hecht for her suggestion and said that he appreciated the interest in her work which prompted her to make it.

The award was \$10, and the suggestion involved rearrangement of the Information Office and certain reorganization in the work methods to increase the efficiency of the office.

It is the hope of the Suggestion Committee that each individual doing a job at Letterman will submit an idea a month. The main objective of the Suggestion Program is finding better, faster, cheaper and safer ways of getting the work accomplished. No one is better fitted to find such methods than the person on the job. However, it is emphasized that persons who submit suggestions may do so for their own jobs or for other jobs with which they may be sufficiently familiar to have constructive ideas. Supervisors may submit ideas, and are urged to do so.

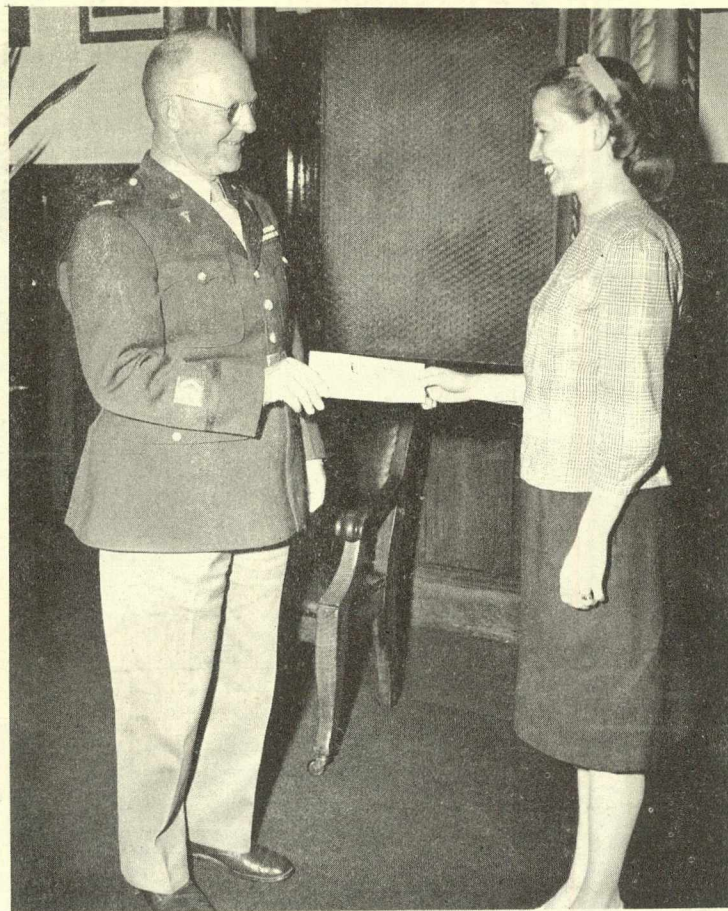
One feature of the program is that job improvement ideas which have already been put into effect may be submitted to the committee provided they have been in use less than 60 days.

A variety of types of suggestions are eligible for awards. The regulations governing awards states that a suggestion that results "in improvement or economy in the operation of the department by way of monetary savings, increased efficiency, conservation of property, improved employee working conditions, or better service to the public," shall be eligible for consideration for an award.

Personnel who take time to consider their daily work from the standpoint of possible time-saving or money saving shortcuts may have more than one idea for eliminating waste, both of time and material.

Awards which may be made by the local committee range from \$4 to \$250. Suggestions eligible for larger awards are submitted to the War Department Civilian Awards Board for appropriate action.

If it is possible to estimate the savings effected by the adoption of



CASH AWARD FOR SUGGESTION
Is presented to Mrs. Marjorie Hecht, of the Information Office, by Colonel D. F. Winn, Commanding Officer.

a job idea, the amount of the award is 5 per cent of the savings. Some suggestions, such as those which effect health, safety, welfare or morale, cannot be appraised in this manner, and in such cases the cash award is based on the scope of the idea's applicability and the number of persons it affects.

Inaugurated during the war, the Employee Suggestion Program has been the source of many worthwhile ideas submitted by both military and civilian personnel. These ideas have resulted in large savings to the government.

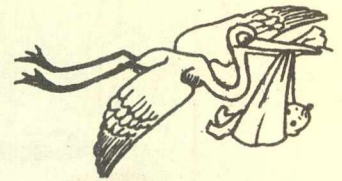
More than \$100,000,000 were the initiated savings of the War Department's Suggestion System during its two years of wartime operation. War Department employees made 282,000 suggestions during the war emergency, of which 42500 were adopted. Since the outstanding worth of the program was so fully

demonstrated during the war it was decided to continue it as a post-war measure in the belief that it would prove equally valuable as a means of introducing worthwhile innovations in the peacetime economy.

The Office of The Surgeon General reports that of 2,250 formal suggestions received in its departmental and field agencies, 560 were adopted. For these \$16,000 was paid in cash awards, and the annual savings effected totaled \$525,000.

No matter in what hospital activity you are engaged, there is the possibility of improvement in some respect. Perhaps you already have an idea for that improvement. Or if you take a fresh view of your work, a new and worthwhile idea may occur to you. Get a suggestion blank without delay and start your ideas working for an award.

Members of the Suggestion Committee are: Colonel Leonard Swan-



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Berrens, a boy, **David Michael**, weight 8 pounds and 15 ounces, born 4 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul A. Morris, a girl, **Helene Rachelle**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 4 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Perry J. Stockman, a girl, **Bonnie Ann**, born 7 August 1947.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lawrence Bilotta, a girl, **Alice Margaret**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 8 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Carl Hennessy, a boy, **Thomas Michael**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 9 August.

son, Major Irving I. Faling, Captain Stanley F. Ochocinsky, Raymond V. Shine and Miss Mary Bensen.

After the suggestion is submitted it is considered and investigated by the members of this committee, and if it is found usable, a recommendation is made to the commanding officer that it be adopted and an award paid. During the investigation of its practicability, the identity of the suggestor is not known to those who pass on the usefulness of the idea.

Civilian personal are eligible for cash awards; military personnel are rewarded with the equivalent of cash—furloughs and promotions.

It is a simple matter to submit a suggestion. It works this way:

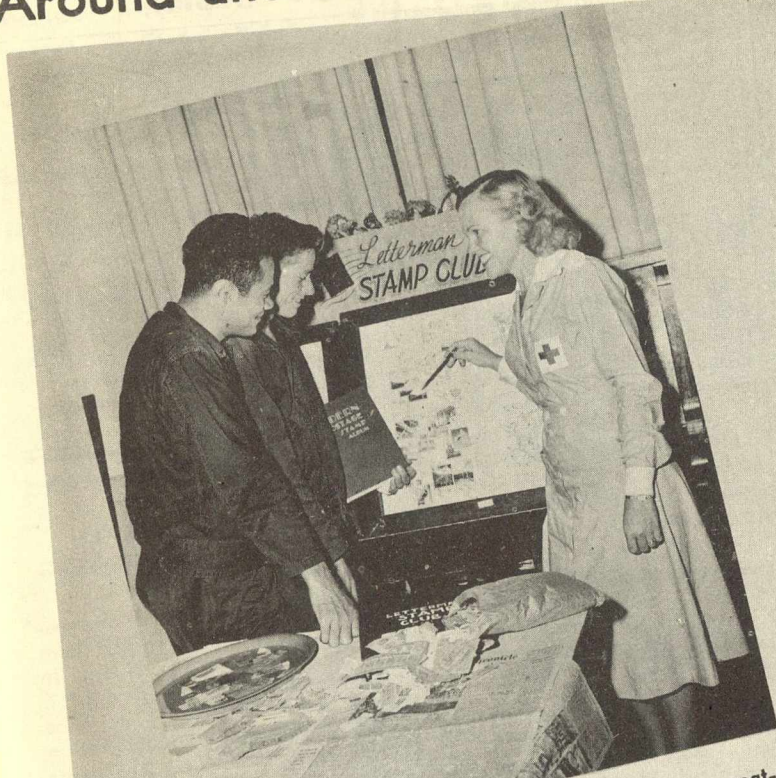
1. Obtain a suggestion blank from your supervisor or from Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, Administration Building, LGH.

2. Write your suggestion briefly and clearly in the space provided on the blank.

3. Drop it in one of the Suggestion Boxes on the ramp.

The Suggestion Committee does the rest. And there is no limit to the number of suggestions you may submit.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



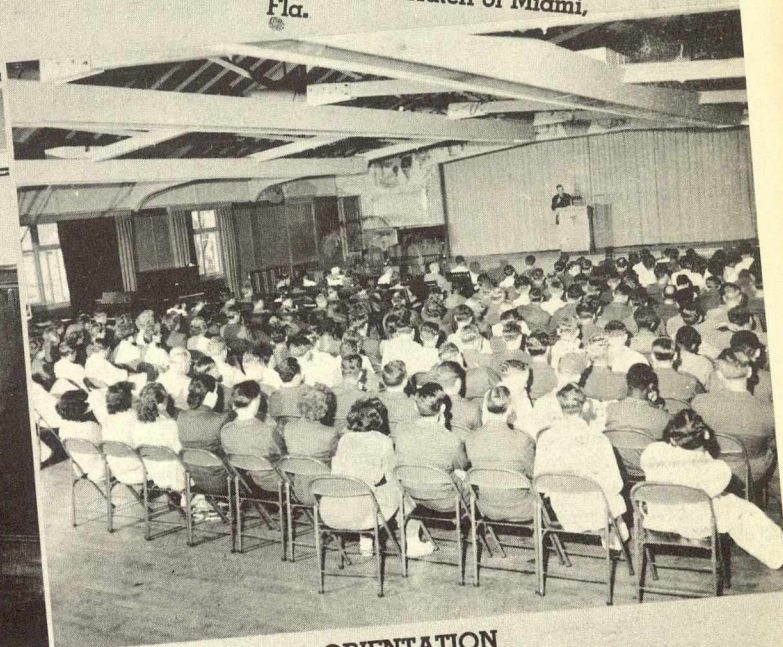
STAMP EXHIBIT
Mrs. Fern Tompkins, Gray Lady, points out interesting stamps to Sgt. Robert Moeai, of Honolulu, and Pvt. Gerald E. Baucum, of Oregon.



THE BARBECUE CLUB CHEFS
Display their skill to Mrs. Milton L. Colton, Gray Lady. The chefs are Sgt. Woodrow Silverthorn (left) of Palmer Lake, Colo., and Pvt. Robert Hatch of Miami, Fla.



MORE CAPTAINS
Major E. A. Paxson, hospital adjutant, congratulates medical officers upped to Captain. L to R -- Major Paxson, Captains Richard L. Anderegg, Lionel M. Bernstein, Karl Stillwater, Irving A. Friedman, Haskell F. Norman, and Dwight C. Dawson.



ORIENTATION
With Chaplain Albert F. Click at the rostrum.

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EDITORIAL

"WELL DONE"

It was with pardonable pride that our commanding officer and the staff at Letterman heard these words from the Surgeon General of the Army after he had completed his inspection of the command this week.

Major General Raymond W. Bliss paid his first visit here in his recently acquired role of Surgeon General. Before attaining to that high station he served 30 years in the Medical Department and is well acquainted with the mission of the army general hospitals.

As Deputy Surgeon General he had in the course of his travels visited every general hospital within the continental limits during the war days and had gone to every front while the battles still raged. He knew what was expected of the Medical Department and it was his job to insure the best possible care of our sick and wounded at home and overseas.

As the Surgeon General it is still his job to maintain the high standards achieved in the war days and carried on to the days of peace. There has been no let down in the quality of the professional care for our sick and wounded by the personnel of the Medical Department.

The head of the service appreciates what we at Letterman are doing to carry out the mission of the Medical Department. He expressed that ap-



Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider and the nurses of the command entertained at tea in the Nurses Recreation Hall on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Assistant Chief, Army Nurse Corps. The Surgeon General, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, currently visiting the post was also among those present.

Captain Elizabeth N. Johnson has left on a 24-day leave for a visit to her home in Plainfield, Wisconsin, while 1st Lieut. Betty J. Wipperfurth tops her by one day—25 days—for a visit to Lewiston, Idaho, and 1st Lieut. Eileen P. Casey took off on a 15-day leave amid signs indicating matrimony in the offing.

1st Lieut. Primrose Gifford has been sold a new Fraser car and it will get a real work out among her friends, we are told.

Our reporter brings in an item about several of the nurses who spent a week end at Yosemite enjoying the scenery, the "grisly" bears, "n" everythin'.

New arrivals among the nurses are 1st Lieut. Anna B. Astrosky, back from civil life for extended active duty. She had formerly served in Korea. And two from Brooke General Hospital; 1st Lieut. Lora R. Browning and 1st Lieut. Mildred E. Roark, who have just completed a course in psychiatric nursing.

The tidbits served at the reception for the Surgeon General at the Officers Club on Tuesday afternoon were prepared by a trio which was organized at Pratt General Hospital and recently transferred to this station. Orchids should go to Captain Velma L. Richardson, Chief Dietitian, Captain Sue Fairbanks, PT, and Capt. Ruth S. Porter for their definite contribution toward the success of the occasion.

Miss Mary Kay Berteling, OT Head, now has room in the "Mercury" for passengers according to the grapevine. Call WEst 1-9839.

preciation in the time honored encomium of the service—
WELL DONE.



The new photo mural in the Information Office and how it helps visitors from being lost in the maze of Letterman.

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Familiar faces at the reception in honor of the Surgeon General on Tuesday at the Letterman Officers Club—among others: Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Brigadier General Albert E. Truby, Colonel Euclid B. Frick—all former commanding officers at this hospital.

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Mrs. Helen (Grandma) Diez back at her desk in the File Room and that needle and thread again handy for the bachelor who loses a button.

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Colonel William S. Shuttleworth moving in to ward L-1 to share a room with Colonel Terry Bull. Old buddies together again.

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The Golf Program arranged by Special Services: Monday at the Presidio, Tuesday at Lake Merced, Wednesday at Lincoln, Thursday at Harding Park, and Friday at Crystal Springs—all day trip with lunch to boot.

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Lieutenant Dorothy Johnson running her jalopy on no gas—almost.

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Work started at the new bowling alleys in the former transportation pool shed.

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Flash from St. Louis Medical Depot—Tech. Sgt. Charles Wilcox on TDY there for training has measles.

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The popular Hilda Mansfield leaving the PX Grill but remaining here in another capacity.

While the struggle for the rights of man goes forward in other parts of the world, the free people of America cannot look on with easy detachment, with indifference to the outcome. In our effort to make permanent the peace of the world, we have much to preserve—much to improve—and much to pioneer. As we strive to reach the fulfillment of our quest we will do well to recall the words of Thomas Jefferson: "I have sworn, upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."—Harry S. Truman.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 17 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

MORE ABOUT SURGEON GENERAL

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were battle injury and wound patients. In addition to these, there were 6,171 non-Army patients in Army hospitals on 30 May 1947. These non-Army patients consisted chiefly of Veterans Administration beneficiaries and civilian dependents of Army personnel. The average patient-load was reduced greatly during the past year, largely as a result of the decreased size of the Army and because of the transfer of long-term cases to the Veterans Administration. For comparison, the number of Army patients in hospital and quarters as of 31 May 1946 was about 95,000.

"The monthly number of patients evacuated to the United States from overseas has fallen off considerably since the end of the war; for example only 1,732 evacuees were received in May 1947; this compares with the May 1945 peak of about 57,000."

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer of Letterman, was host at a reception on Tuesday afternoon at the Officers Club in honor of the Surgeon General at which the professional consultants were invited to meet General Bliss.

General Bliss and his official party left San Francisco on Friday by plane en route to Washington with a stopover planned at Denver, Colorado, for a brief visit to Fitzsimons General Hospital.

The Sweetest path of life leads through the avenues of learning, and whoever can open up the way for another, ought, so far, to be esteemed a benefactor to mankind.—David Hume.

IN MEMORIAM



JAY Y. CONNELL

Technical Sergeant Jay Y. Connell, the soldier with the longest period of continuous service at Letterman, ended his military career in death here last Friday morning.

Sgt. Connell enlisted in the army at Los Angeles on 31 December 1917. After brief periods of service at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and Camp Fremont in California he transferred to the Medical Department in 1919 and came to Letterman where he remained until taken by death. He would have completed 30 years of honorable and faithful service at the end of this year.

During his service at Letterman he was on duty at the commissary, in the power house, in the electrical shop for 16 years, and more recently in Grounds and Maintenance. All of his nine discharges on completion of enlistments merited "Character—Excellent" and he was an "old soldier" who typified the best traditions of the military service.

Funeral services were held at the Halsted Funeral Parlors on Monday afternoon with ceremonies conducted by Seal Rock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a member. Interment followed at Golden Gate National Cemetery, with Chaplain Albert F. Click officiating, and the following non commissioned officers as pallbearers: Master Sergeants Percy Carnes, Roscoe Holloway, Erich P. Matthews, Charles Mehr, Orlin D. Oxenrider, Theodore Schmierer, Otto Stewart, and Thomas H. Werry, First Sergeant Arnold L. Barden, Tech. Sgts. Rudolph O. Shellhorn, William I.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Armed Forces Press Service

The long awaited Army and Navy Promotion Bill got the nod from the Senate before the 80th Congress took off for the hinterland and at this writing is in the hands of the President for his signature.

Gist of the new promotion legislation is that it makes necessary improvements in the present Navy system of promotion by selection and changes the present Army system of promotion by seniority to a selection system.

The bill does not give either the Army or Navy as many full generals and admirals as originally was requested. As the Promotion Bill now stands, the Army will get five full generals, the Navy five admirals, the Air Force four generals, and the Marines one general.

In an efficient summation of the effect of the new law upon all Army officers, Brig. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Deputy Director of Personnel and Administration, declared: "It will prevent the laggards from unlimited security regardless of their efficiency or lack of it."

Gen. Dahlquist declared that the act:

1. Assures sufficient officers in each grade at all times and permits promotion of officers to fill vacancies.
2. Assures officers at all times of permanent promotion to first lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel on completion of 3, 7, 14 and 21 years' service.
3. Will make officers eligible for grade of colonel after 22 years' service.
4. Makes all officers regardless of branch eligible for permanent selection to general officer grade.
5. Greatly increases the opportunity open to all officers because it prevents a few fortunate officers reaching high rank at an early age and remaining in those positions for long times, thus stagnating those below them.

In the final flood of legislation, the Senate managed to approve the following bills and send them off the Chief Executive:

1. Establishment of a Medical Service Corps in the Army and Navy Medical Departments.
2. Abolition of income tax exemptions for all servicemen after Jan. 1, 1949.

The 80th Congress came within \$234,261,000 of granting the Army the funds if needed for operating

Murphy, and Staff Sergeant Paul E. Jewell.

Sgt. Connell is survived by his sister, Mrs. Bessie V. Wolf, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a brother, David W. Connell, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The sympathy of the command is extended to his family on the pass-

during the fiscal year 1948. The cut in the military budget will force the War Department to drop 12,500 officers, 650 warrant officers and 58,371 civilians.

The Army's tentative career plan was saved when the Senate outlawed a House proposal to reduce by 50 per cent the necessary 5,205 warrant officers.

Men who plan to cash their terminal leave bonds on or after Sept. 2 have been advised by the Treasury Department that they must present their discharge papers as identification.

Treasury Department officials also warned bond holders not to mail the bonds to the Treasury, War, or Navy Departments or the Veterans Administration because they would be mailed right back—after considerable delay.

Enlisted men being returned to the U.S. for separation now have the option of remaining in the European Command up to the final month before separation, or returning to this country six months prior to their normal separation date for assignment to a unit for the duration of their enlistment.

This was announced by the European Command in a plan designed to utilize to the fullest the final months of all tours of duty.

Reconversion note: Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of West Point, has announced that the title "master of the sword" has been changed to "director of physical education."

Secretary of Defense James Forrestal has been given a plan prepared by the joint chiefs of staff to revamp the armed services in and around the continental United States.

The plan provides for a single commander with a staff of Army, Navy and Air officers directly under the joint chiefs who would command the defense of the nation's borders.

According to the tentative unified home defense plan, the nation would be divided into strategic areas, each to have its own single commander over all three forces.

Corregidor Memorial

Manila (AFPS) — Historic Corregidor formally has been turned over by the U.S. Army to the Philippines Republic.

The Philippines Government has announced it will convert the famous "rock," where the small army of Americans and Filipinos made their hopeless stand against the Japanese, into a war memorial.

ing of an admired comrade, good friend, and loyal soldier.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY G. BENNETT
Staff Sergeant

The question has been asked so often of late "Who is the new blonde at the Information Desk?" that we wish to answer once and for all, that she is Staff Sergeant Dorothy G. Bennett and she is not new at all but has been with us for a long time—ever since March 1945 in fact.

Dorothy was a surgical technician for more than a year after joining the Letterman staff and belonged to that group which works and works and never gets a mention beyond the immediate circle of endeavor. She was discharged in August 1946 and when she re-enlisted a short time later she came right to the front, as near as she could get to the front doors—The Information Desk.

Sgt. Bennett is a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and went through high school in her home town. For a while she was employed with the Goodyear Aircraft Company at Akron and joined the WAC at Cincinnati. Basic training was had at Fort Des Moines and the first assignment was at Fitzsimons General Hospital. She tarried for a spell at Fort Francis E. Warren before coming to Letterman.

It is obvious that a lot of questions are tossed at Dorothy in the day's work and we know that a lot of the boys think up questions as a pretext for making conversation, but the young lady knows all the answers. She had to learn to survive because in the Bennett family there are four boys and "Sis" had to fight her way to eminence in the family circle.

The sergeant was a little late in reporting last Sunday morning. The night man who was waiting to be relieved was asked: "Where's the blonde?" He yawned and replied "Probably having trouble with her hair." Could be.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Isabel Cannon, Military Personnel, is back at her desk after spending three weeks at home combating the flu.

Ruth Staley, part time typing instructor, has transferred from the Adjutant's Office to the Claims & Investigation office.

According to postcards received from Mary McFadden, Public Information office, and Dorcas Rosenfeld, they haven't been arrested in Phoenix, Arizona—yet.

Regina Pope has transferred from the Neuropsychiatric Service here at Letterman to the overseas section in Tokio where she will work for the War Department. She left this week for Seattle where she will board a ship headed for Japan.

Fred Crawford, Dental Section, is spending his vacation at home in Marvelous Marin.

Marion Breach, Military Personnel, and her husband Reginald, will start their vacation next week and they will travel by car on a "flight schedule." They will make stops at Lake Tahoe, Reno, Salt Lake, Yellowstone Park, Glacier National Park, and Lake Louise in Canada—all in two weeks.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, is spending her vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Beverly Alexander, formerly a WAC here at Letterman and also at Dante, is now working in Surgical Service as a stenographer.

A welcome is extended to the following new employees of Letterman: Lea McGregor, Neuropsychiatric Service; Nadine Mannes, Receiving Office; and Edna Colvin, a civilian nurse.

Vets Urged to Make Terminal Leave Claims

Washington (AFPS)—Veterans, granted an extra year for filing claims under the new Armed Forces Leave Act, are urged to make application for leave pay without delay in order to obtain quick payment.

Armed services paying officials pointed out that former servicemen now are given an option of receiving cash or bonds. Bonds will be cashable on and after Sept. 2, 1947.

The revised law applies to former officers, former enlisted men and to all bondholders now in uniform.

CHANGES IN ARMY CHOW NOW IN CHARGE OF CHARMING CAPTAIN



Captain VELMA L. RICHARDSON, MDD
Newly assigned Chief Dietitian in charge of Food Service for Letterman.

There is a trite saying that food has a lot to do with man's affections and ~~one~~ young lady around here is in a fair way to being loved by every man in the command.

Even though the army has been feeding men ever since we had an army a little study disclosed the fact that the mess plan could be improved and a recent directive reorganized the mess as a result of exhaustive research. Under the new set up the food service program is directly under the chief dietitian who in turn is responsible directly to the commanding officer.

Captain Velma L. Richardson, Medical Department Dietitian, is the lady who has been assigned to carry out the new orders of things. and she is also an officer. It amends the ancient title "Officer and gentleman" by the addition of "or lady" but we were discussing the mess and strayed afield. Let's go back.

Our chief dietitian is a native of Oklahoma, town of Altus, where she went through Junior High and finished at Oklahoma City. Then on to the University where she majored in food and nutrition and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

She interned at City & County Hospital, Dallas, for one year and then took on a state position in connection with the school luncheon program for 16 counties.

The army called and Captain Richardson entered the military service in July 1942. She spent the first 18 months in the station hospital at Kirkland Field and then joined the 81st General Hospital which moved over to ETO for a sojourn of 20 months. On her return to the mainland in 1945 she was assigned to Wakeman General Hospital and when that institution closed the next stop was at Pratt General Hospital. It was not of her doing but Pratt also closed and last June the captain reported here for duty with the screening board for applicants for permanent commission in the Women's Medical Specialists Service Corps. We liked her so well that she became a permanent member of our staff.

The new food service program is being initiated at Letterman under the most favorable auspices and Captain Richardson has the training and ability to make the program a complete success.

And we are all on her side.

MEDICAL DETACH

Cpl. Wayne Sturtivant, Correspondence Section, is spending his three-day pass with his parents, who are here on two weeks vacation from Independence, Kansas.

T/3 Lawrence Riley, Dental Laboratory, received a three-day pass to visit his uncle in Modesto, who is ill.

Pvt. Alex Torres, Dietetics Branch, will spend his three-day pass in Los Angeles.

Pvt. Olin White, Receiving Office, is planning to spend his 18-day furlough in Winfield, Kansas, with his parents.

Pfc. Holger Ostlund, Pharmacy, will see his home town of Gladstone, Michigan, when he starts his 20-day furlough this week.

M/Sgt. James M. Malone, Ward C-51, took a three-day pass last week to settle business matters in Orland, California.

Pfc. Ellis McDiffet, Out Patient Service, is spending his 18-day furlough in Dwight, Kansas.

Sgt. William Morales, Military Police, took a three-day pass recently, to visit his wife, who is ill. She lives in San Diego.

T/5 Robert Owens, Ground and Maintenance, picked up a COD package that was being held for him at the post office—but he had to take a three-day pass because the post office was in Marysville, California.

Breaking away but not far away from his duties, First Sergeant Arnold Barden of the Medical Detachment office took a three-day pass to spend in San Francisco.

First Sergeant Orlin Oxenreider, Medical Detachment office, is contemplating a trip to St. Louis in the near future, but has not made any definite plans.

Cpl. Jack Ryan, Publications Department, took a three-day pass to go hunting in Boulder Creek, California.

Some time let us all take a three-day pass and go fishing.

Date: "If you kiss me I'll scream."

Dater: "But there's no one within hearing distance."

Date: "Then what are you afraid of?"

WAC

Lt. Col. Mary Louise Milligan has been appointed Deputy Director of the Women's Army Corps, WAC headquarters has announced.

A member of the WAC since its inception, Lt. Col. Milligan was commissioned a second lieutenant after completion of training in the first WAC officer candidate school.

The WAC's new deputy director wears the Legion of Merit, WAC, American Theater and Victory Ribbons.

One of the attractions of army life is the uncertain element. Bog down for a snug winter and along comes orders for a change of station. It is about to happen to Captain Marion B. Chapin and Captain Alice L. Dahnke and rumor says ETO.

Bogged down in the hospital this week in the role of patients are Sgt. Dorothy M. Gustafson on ward G-1 with an aching foot and Staff Sgt. Margaret Drescher on ward N-1.

The dinner dance on Friday evening at the NCO club was something to remember and repeat soon, we hope. And that turkey—yum, yum.

We always like to see the former members of the detachment and maybe they like to see us. Recent visitors were Rebecca Monroy, Mrs. James Liles and baby Mitchell, Josephine Jacobs, Ruby Guimont, and Bobbie Allison.

Re-enlisting for our ranks is Mildred Stech.

On foreign soil we are represented by Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson who is the WAC company commander in Berlin and with her are Sgt. Duke, Feinman, Hartman, and Cummings. The Berlin Company softball team is scheduled to play the team from Vienna this week and with the Viennese are T/Sgt. Eton and Sgt. Higgins. All ex—from Lettermen.

The detachment is now down to 58 women.

A pretty girl got on a crowded bus. When a wan-looking soldier started to get up, she pushed him back down in his seat and said she preferred to stand. He started to get up again and she pushed him back again.

After a couple more attempts to stand up and getting the same treatment, he yelled: "Now, listen, lady! I passed my stop two blocks back. Let me out."

FROM TEXAS TO TENNESSEE TO— COLONEL WHITFIELD MOVES WEST



Lt. Colonel ROBERT L. WHITFIELD, Jr.
Who received orders for a new station in China this week.

The "powers that be" keep whit-tling away at the old timers on the Letterman staff and the latest to be alerted is Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., the commanding officer of the Hospital Train Unit here.

Colonel Whitfield reported at Letterman in October 1944 and served as assistant chief, Medical Service, until March 1945 when he was assigned as officer in charge, Receiving and Evacuation Section. In that capacity he supervised the reception of thousands of war wounded from the Pacific Area and their subsequent removal to hospitals in the interior. When Crissy Annex was opened as the debarkation hospital he moved down there in command.

Colonel Whitfield was born in Montgomery County, Texas, the particular spot where this event occurred had no special name of its own. He went to school at Hardin-Simmons College, where he received his Bachelor Degree in Art and later

completed his medical course for an M. D. at Bailey University in Dallas.

The colonel was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1930 and ordered to extended active duty with the CCC in 1933 and continued with that organization until called into the army in 1940.

He served at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Camp Gruber in Oklahoma, and Camp Sibert, Alabama, before going overseas in April 1943 as Commanding Officer of a Station Hospital. His unit saw active combat service in North Africa and in Italy. He was among the first group of officers integrated into the Regular Army in September 1946.

He is a native of Texas, and unusually low spoken for a man from the "Lone Star" state. In matrimony he pledged allegiance to Tennessee which may have tempered a normal booming voice. Mrs. Whitfield hails from Jamestown, Tenn., the home of the famed Sergeant York.

Under his orders Col. Whitfield

Bond Bill Law; Pres. Asks Vets To Take It Easy

Washington (AFPS)—More than 9,000,000 veterans holding Terminal Leave Bonds will be permitted to cash them any time after Sept. 1, 1947, according to provisions of the Bond Bill signed by Pres. Truman.

The new law gives vets the option of holding the bonds as long as five years at two and one-half per cent annual interest or of cashing any or all of them after Sept. 1 with accrued interest from time of discharge.

Pres. Truman originally had opposed the legislation but he signed the bill after it had passed both House and Senate unanimously.

Although he signed the measure, the Chief Executive appealed to bond holders not to cash them unless they urgently needed the money.

"For the convenience of bond holders," Pres. Truman stated, "the Treasury Department is making arrangements with banks and other financial institutions in order that bonds may be cashed in local communities without cost to veterans."

"I wish to emphasize strongly that it is to the veterans' best interest that they keep their bonds if they do not absolutely need to cash them now. Almost two billion dollars of bonds are outstanding."

"If a sizable proportion of these bonds should be redeemed in the near future, general inflationary pressures, which we have been endeavoring to control, would receive a substantial boost."

"Several hundred million new dollars poured into the spending stream would exert a strong upward pressure on prices. If, on the other hand, veterans choose the wise course, hold their bonds and continue to draw two and one-half per cent interest, their dollars will buy more when they cash their bonds after inflationary conditions have eased."

An additional \$500,000,000 in terminal leave bonds will be claimed by veterans who have not yet filed claims, the War Department reported. These vets will have the option of taking cash or bonds.

The new bill also extends until Sept. 1, 1948, the deadline for applying for all terminal leave payments.

will head into the setting sun and become an asset to the outfit he joins, but right now he is back in Tennessee for rest, rehabilitation, and recuperation after the very active tour of duty he has had at Letterman.

Softball

In a game marked by errors, long extra base hits, tight pitchers battles, and heated arguments, the Letterman Softball Team took first place in the second half of the Army-Navy Bay Area Softball League by defeating Camp Stoneman 4-3.

Going into the last half of the fifth inning with Stoneman leading by a score of 3-2, Jim Schultz started the ball rolling by lining a single to center field. Howard Walker's infield grounder forced Schultz at second, but he was safe at first as the attempted double play failed. Then Joe Surowicz, the Letterman pitcher, came through with a hard hit single that sent Walker all the way to third. When the Stoneman right fielder threw the ball over the third baseman's head, Walker scored the tying run, and Surowicz came all the way around to score what proved to be the winning tally.

This victory brought about a three game playoff between the two teams to determine the League Championship.

The first game was played at Camp Stoneman on Monday. It was a pitcher's battle all the way, with Stoneman finally taking it by the margin of 1-0. Bruce Dryer was the losing pitcher, giving up six hits, while Jim Forrest pitched a two hit shutout for the winners.

Eligible

Retired officers and enlisted men of the armed forces may now represent veterans in claims against Veterans Administration as accredited representatives of the 68 national and state organizations authorized to file such claims, VA announced today.

The last session of Congress passed a bill making them eligible for this work and it became law upon the President's approval.

Heretofore, the provisions of certain penal statutes prohibited retired members of the armed forces from serving in this capacity.

The new law, removing this prohibition, includes all retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard when they are accredited representatives of an organization recognized by VA under section 200 of Public Law 844, 74th Congress.

Many of these men are lawyers and doctors whom service organizations desire to use as accredited representatives because of their specialized knowledge.

Warmin' the Bench

By SGT. DAVE MARKSON

(AFPS)—Late in July, Baseball made its annual pilgrimage to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. Eleven old-time stars, who played in the era previous to 1920, were honored, along with four modern aces. Most of the old-timers had died long before the presentation of the plaques honoring them, and there is an uncalled-for hollowness in the complete Hall of Fame set-up because of it.

The old man in black they call death flits in and out of the shadows all the time, and too often it is only after one of his forays that we fully realize the worth of those he has taken. "He was a crack pitcher," they say, or "a powerful hitter," when a former diamond star passes, and it is usually only after death that the stars of old achieve the glory rightly theirs.

The baseball shrine at Cooperstown is comparatively new. It is obvious, therefore, that countless former diamond greats have not yet been honored there. It is thought that the true meaning of the Hall of Fame would be destroyed by the addition of too large a list of names, so two separate units yearly make a careful selection of two groups worthy of inclusion. This year the old timers picked a group which included Jack Chesbro, Toe Tinker, Rube Waddell, Frank Chance, Tommy McCarthy, Johnny Evers and others. Most of these men have passed on, but there is adequate excuse for their not being selected before. The Hall of Fame is too new to have gotten around to them before their deaths anyhow.

But what of the modern ball players? Four were honored at the July 21 ceremonies: Frank

Frisch, Carl Hubbell, Bob Grove and Mickey Cochrane. Four in one year. At such a pace it would take 20 to 30 years before such immortals as Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons, Paul Waner, Bill Dickey, Luke Appling, Gabby Hartnett, Frank Crossetti, Lon Warneke and the countless others who deserve selection would be duly honored. And that old man in black does not wait.

There are two logical solutions to the problem. A group of old timers should be appointed—men who know, for example, that the Orval Overall who passed away recently in California was one of the finest pitchers in National League history. These men should select not 11, but 111, or even more, former stars for immediate placement in the Hall of Fame. Secondly, the vote-total stipulations should be cut so that many more than four modern players will be chosen each year.

Millions of Americans appreciate baseball and baseball players. The time to show that appreciation is not after their deaths, but now.

CHATTER. . . Ken Strong has signed another Giant contract and is ready for his thirteenth season season of pro football. . . Ty Cobb, Nap Rucker and Ed Cicotte, baseball immortals, were sold by Augusta to the big time for approximately \$1,800. . . Says Gus Lesnevich, on Joe Louis: "I want no part of that guy." . . . Bobo Newsom denies the authenticity of a letter, signed by him, found among the recently opened Abraham Lincoln papers. . .

Keep an eye on ex-welter champ Marty Servo, in comeback. Marty was out a year with a nose that Rocky Graziano flattened. . . Burt Shotton is so in love with outfielder Carl Furillo's arm that he calls it "peg o' my heart."

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

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vices of non medical specialists freed the physician from an enormous load of responsibilities not strictly in his field and enabled him to spend more of his time in direct treatment of patients. It relieved him especially from arduous administrative duties.

During World War I, half the commissioned personnel of the medical department were physicians. In the last war this percentage had fallen to about one third, with the difference taken up largely by specialists in fields allied to medicine. This is bound to be more the situation in the future as the ramifications of medicine extend into other sciences and new problems arise.

It would have been impractical to have created a multiplicity of separate corps—such as a psychologists corps or a bacteriologists corps. This would have involved a difficult administrative problem and probably much duplication of effort. Furthermore, such corps would have been set up with necessarily arbitrary restrictions in the form of educational requirements and the like. It is impossible to predict what kind of a specialist will be needed tomorrow.

Under the present legislation the Surgeon General is free to use his discretion, as the need arises. An expert in enzyme chemistry, for example, can be given a regular commission in the new Medical Service Corps with no more complications than would be involved in commissioning a Brain Surgeon in the Medical Corps.

The strength of the new corps will be prescribed by the Secretary of War. Grades will range from Second Lieutenant to Colonel.

An Englishman and an American were presented to the potentate of an Eastern county. As the Oriental looked over the Englishman's passport, he remarked: "I see you are a British subject."

"I am, sir," replied the Briton with pride.

"And you," said the monarch, turning to the American, "are a subject of the United States."

The American gazed at the ruler in amazement. "Subject!" he exclaimed. "I own part of the United States!"

Please Bring 'Em Back Alive

